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LI CHAI-SUM WANTED.

Kwangsi General Takes Troops From Shanghai

CANTON BUSINESS INTERESTS ASK FOR EARLY PEACE.

News is to hand that Kongmoon has been retaken by Kwangsi troops, and it appears that the entire Ironside garrison has evacuated. It is definitely known that one of the Big Four of the Kwangsi group has taken his body of troops from Shanghai and is on his way to Hankow. He may take the overland route in an attempt to attack Canton.

Activities on the West and East Rivers are summarised below. Leading political agents have been sent from Canton to Shanghai to ask Li Chai-sum to return. Business interests want him back at once so that business may be resumed before Chinese New Year.

RIVER ACTIVITIES.

Kongmoon and its surrounding territory is reported to have been re-occupied by the Kwangsi troops who were formerly in garrison there, but the news requires confirmation.

Eyewitnesses testify to the whole of the pro-Ironside expedition from Canton having been withdrawn to guard the home fires.

There is no doubt that the Ironsides are willing to sacrifice.

The "China Mail" political correspondent writes that they prefer to concentrate at Samshui to keep out the Kwangsi army moving down the West River, and also to guard Canton against political disturbances and against possible Communist risings.

Living in Fear.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Dec. 19. Not a soldier was left in Kongmoon city, Sanwui city or Pakkai on December 17, every unit in the Ironside expedition having departed after a very brief stay here, lasting from the time the Kwangsi garrison handed over control without showing fight.

Lack of military protection has caused the people to live in hourly fear of a Red attack or a piratical raid.

All volunteers, the merchants' militia, and semi-regular guards have been mobilised.

13th Division Returning.

No pedestrian is allowed out at night, and all gates are closed at sunset.

The Kwangsi garrison (known as the 13th division) which retreated inland when the Ironsides arrived, is expected back in four or five days.

Their arrival will signify another era of confidence as these soldiers have previously shown conspicuous ability in driving off outlaws.—Our own correspondent.

ONE OF "BIG FOUR"

Starts With Troops Attack Canton.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Believed to be connected with the forthcoming attack on the Ironsides in Canton, General Pei Chung-hsi is reported to have left Shanghai for Hankow with most of his Kwangsi troops.

General Pei is Defence Commissioner for Shanghai and Wusung (and is one of the "big four" of the Kwangsi faction).

March Through Hunan. The attack on Canton may be by the overland route, through Hunan province.

It is also reported that General Pei has tendered his resignation as the local Defence Commissioner, presumably to leave him free to concentrate on the expedition against Canton.

His resignation has not been accepted as no successor has been nominated.—British Naval Wireless.

THE TWO RIVERS.

Troops Move In Readiness for Campaigns.

No news has come down from the West River but it is known that the Kwangsi army is somewhere between Takling and Shuhing, about 50 or 60 miles from Samshui, their first objective.

No serious fighting has been reported.

The situation in the East River basin is still not clear.

Observers suggest that the troops going out from Canton to Shekling are to strengthen the defences at Waichow against a possible invasion by either the Kwangsi garrison at Swatow or the Nationalist force further away along the Kwangtung-Fukien frontier, both of which are said to have been designs on Canton.

To Clear Out the Reds.

Giving even the minor details of military movements, the "Hong Kong Evening Post" states that the Ironsides contemplate despatching an expedition against the Communist territory which lies between Waichow and Swatow.

This territory has been overrun by Peasant Corps and other Reds for over a month. The report predicts that the Ironsides are to attack the Reds so that their movements will not be hampered against either the Swatow or frontier force.

Railway Cut.

The "Hong Kong Evening Post" also reports that the Kwangsi troops at Swatow have been having trouble with Reds in the Han River basin, the latter having cut last week the short railway which runs out of Swatow up-country to Chaochow.

CHANGING COLOUR.

Canton Generals' Welcome to Li Chai-sum.

According to the "Kung Sheung Yat Po," the two leading generals in Canton at the moment have changed colour once more and reverted to the support of General Li Chai-sum, one of the "big four" of the Kwangsi faction.

General Li's administration was overthrown by the Ironsides the day after he sailed from Hong Kong to attend the Nationalist convention in Shanghai.

Delegates to Shanghai.

General Li Fook-lum of the Papersides, and Lt-General Hsieh Yo who is now in command of the city, deserted the Kwangsi faction for the Ironsides.

With the odour of the Red rising adhering to the Ironsides, these two commanders are stated to have sent delegates to Shanghai to welcome General Li Chai-sum back to Canton.

As explained by the "China Mail" political correspondent, public opinion is making itself felt in Canton for the first time, as a sequel to the Reds horrors, and the majority of the people want Li Chai-sum back as governor.

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FRENCH NAVY.

CONTINUATION OF BUILDING PROGRAMME.

CHAMBER PASSES BILL.

Paris, Yesterday. The Chamber of Deputies has voted the Bill authorising the laying down between July 1, 1927, and June 30, 1928, one cruiser, six destroyers, five first-class submarines, a submarine minelayer, and two scouts in continuation of the Naval programme.—Reuter.

PREFER HONG KONG.

Notable Cantonese Now In Colony.

"CHUCKER-OUTS" END.

Still Partial Martial Law In Canton.

On another visit to Europe, Mr. Wang Ching-wei, the noted Kuomintang politician, passed through Hong Kong yesterday on the s.s. "Paul Lecat" from Shanghai.

As leader of the Canton (or extremist) group, he fell into disfavour during the recent Party negotiations up north and his temporary absence practically amounts to exile.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" says that General Wong Kichung, second-in-command of the Ironsides, called on Mr. Wang who did not land here.

Li Fook-lum's Family.

General Wong is stated to be living at Happy Valley, having come down from Canton a few days ago. He directed the coup which overthrew the Kwangsi administration and was in charge at Canton when the Reds broke out. His dismissal by the Political Council has been ordered.

Chinese in touch with Cantonese politics identified a party which came down to Hong Kong on Monday as the family of General Li Fook-lum, commander of the "Papersides" and Canton's soldier of the hour.

Fears Not Over.

General Wong Kichung's family is also down here.

Canton's exodus shows a perceptible decrease in numbers but the refugees still show signs of hurried departure.

It is, perhaps, not quite correct to say that the tension has eased. As pointed out in the "China Mail" early last week, the fear now is not of a repetition of the Red Rising, but of political upheavals which may culminate in warfare or looting in the city. The situation is still pregnant with possibilities.

"CHUCKER OUT."

Hong Kong Opportunist's Meteoric Career.

Well known in Hong Kong for his connection with the local underworld, a man who became the Reds' director of criminal intelligence met his fate when the Canton forces restored order.

It will be charitable to describe the man as an opportunist rather than an adventurous character.

He became known to the Hong Kong police when he was a "chucker out" at the Wo Ping theatre where now stands the Fire Station and he subsequently went to Canton.

Held Job for 2½ Days.

Posing as a champion of labour unions, he made his presence felt. The climax of his career was reached on Sunday before last when he entered Police Headquarters at Canton to take up the office which had been vacated the day before by a detective who is now co-operating with the Hong Kong police in searching the incoming steamboats.

When the Canton forces won the day last Tuesday, he was shot down in flight and his body has been identified.

LATEST STEPS.

Council of War Curb Labour Unions.

Canton's Council of War has taken the present opportunity to curtail the self-invested privileges of labour unions.

It has laid down that even the "moderate" unions, in activities against Communists, must work in co-operation with the police or military, and must prove their bona fides before effecting an entry into a private house.

Nor will "moderate" labour pickets be allowed to search business premises or close same under pretext of suspected association with the Reds.

Vigilance at Night.

Plans are being pushed ahead whereby a volunteer corps—similar to the Merchant Volunteers who were suppressed by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen—will be formed shortly to assist in maintaining order in Canton. Relief measures are making only slow progress.

Martial law is still being observed at night. Very few people venture out after dark owing to the confusion of passwords and the strict vigilance of military

PIRATES HANGED.

Four Pay Penalty This Morning.

BORE UP WELL.

Three Others To Meet Similar Fate To-morrow.

Four of the seven pirates condemned to death at the November Criminal Sessions in connection with the seizure of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's s.s. "Irene," which was set on fire as the result of gun fire by H.M. Submarine L4 in the vicinity of Bias Bay on the night of October 19 last, were hanged in the Victoria Jail this morning. The other three men will meet their death in the same way to-morrow morning. The men who paid the extreme penalty this morning were Lau Hing, Li Kwong, Wong Tim and Hung Kwan.

Lau Hing and Li Kwong were led from their condemned cell (the pri-

FINE WEATHER.

North-east winds, moderate, fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow. The anticyclone is central over S.W. Japan. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

soners were kept two in each cell) at 4.30 their morning to the scaffold, and within three minutes their lifeless bodies were removed to the Prison mortuary.

Wong Tim and Hung Kwan followed their confederates at 5 a.m., and their executions were also swiftly carried out. Later in the morning Dr. Alexander Carmichael held post mortem examinations on all four bodies, and this afternoon an inquest will be held by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy.

Interviewed by a "China Mail" representative this morning, Mr. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, said that the executions were carried out as ordinarily, and there was no hitch in any of the four cases. All the condemned men bore up well on the scaffold, and did not make any statement prior to being hanged.

All the condemned men were interviewed yesterday by a Roman Catholic priest, but Mr. Franks was unable to say if any of them embraced the Christian faith.

No special watch was kept on the condemned men during the time they were confined in the condemned cells. They were guarded day and night as are all persons sentenced to death.

GERMAN DISPUTE.

ARBITRATOR'S DECISION HELD TO BE BINDING.

MINISTER'S RULING.

Berlin, Yesterday.

The efforts of both parties to the iron and steel dispute to get aside the arbitrator's decision have failed, the Minister for Labour having declared that the decision is binding on both parties.—Reuter.

outposts. Machine gun boxes and temporary barricades are put up every night.

RELIEF VOTED.

Canton Delegates Report to Friends.

Apportioned as follows, \$2,000 was voted by a joint meeting in Hong Kong yesterday, for relief work in Canton:—

\$1,000 as annual subscription for Fong Bin Hospital, Canton. \$500 for clothes. \$500 for coffins.

The committees of the Tung Wah Hospital, the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and the Twenty-four Merchant Guilds' Association were represented when five delegates from Canton submitted their report.

The delegates were entertained to dinner last night.

LITTLE CHILDREN.

Prizes For the Victoria Scholars.

AMONG HAPPY FACES.

Mr. Ralph's Idea Of People Who Make Speeches.

For the visitor, prizegiving day at the Victoria British School has a charm of its own because of the extreme youthfulness of the recipients. Here are kiddies from the tender age of four upwards. This morning, at the hands of Mrs. Greig, they all seemed to get a book or certificate. All, at any rate, were very happy, but perhaps the splendid little entertainment they had rehearsed for the guests was responsible for that, together with the fact that they were going to have a holiday when all the speech making was over.

Of that, however, there was little. Mr. E. Ralphs was the only person who addressed them (apart of course from the headmistress's presentation of the annual report). And he commenced by informing them that people who made speeches were a nuisance. After that he went on to say some nice things about the school and those connected with it. He complimented Mrs. Morris upon the way she looked after it whilst Mrs. Clark was on leave, and remarked that the latter had brought back with her Miss Stuart who would, he hoped, continue to write poems. Mrs. Pryde, he said, was a lady of whom any school should be proud and, altogether, they had had a successful year. He thanked Mrs. Greig for presenting the prizes.

Betty Longbottom and Billy Pryde presented Mrs. Greig with bouquets, after which there were cheers for this lady and for the School.

The Babies' Class.

Mrs. Clark, (the headmistress) in presenting the report, said:—

The attendance during the year has been satisfactory. There have been ten admissions to the Babies' Class since Easter. Mrs. Minett, M.O.S. visited the school several times and reported the "general health, good." The pupils were vaccinated in March during the smallpox epidemic.

There were several changes in the staff during the year. Mrs. Clark and Miss Stuart proceeded on long leave. Mrs. Morris replaced Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Pryde was appointed to take Class 9. Miss Hendry was transferred to Bellios Girls' School.

Work Satisfactory.

The work generally has been satisfactory throughout the year. Eight pupils sat for the Royal Drawing Society's examination (Preparatory Division) and all passed with honours.

Viola Dorothy Raven is awarded the Government Free Scholarship for Class 7.

I should like to take this opportunity of asking parents to make known the fact that we have accommodation for a few more pupils between the ages of 4-9 years. I would like to admit children where possible at the age of 4. They would then stand a good chance of being well-grounded before passing into the Central School. The excellent results in the "Babies Room," or Class 10, show how much the little ones love school and how ably the pupils have been instructed by Mrs. Watt.

The Prize List.

Mrs. Greig presented the prizes, as follows:—

Class 7:—Viola Dorothy Raven for proficiency; Mavis Glendinning and John McLeod for progress. Class 8:—Walter Pryde for proficiency; Joy Booker, Dorothy Moss, Alison McKay, Ernie Fowler for progress.

Class 9:—Billie Gegg, Vivienne Hollidge, Vera Handyside, Robbie Glen, Henry Burns, Nancy Duckworth, Harry Middleton, Stella Stevenson, for progress; Noel Booker for proficiency; David Parsons, Frank Hughes for progress.

Class 10:—Billy Pryde, Ian Handyside, Derek Hollidge, George Knight, John Thornhill, Hylton Edmondson, Mary Joy Parsons, Jean Ewing, Peggy Eccleshall, Mickey Gibson, Maureen Booker, June Booker, Billy Van Andel, Jack Kelly, Betty Longbottom, Terence Lockhart, Chas. Rosegood, Alice Dedear, Moira Wattle, Roy de Rome, Colin de Rome, Hazel Spurgeon, Annette Gibson, Alan Langston, Norman Bell-Smith for progress.

Entertainment.

The children presented the following programmes:—

"REDS" SPREADING.

CAUSING TROUBLE NEAR CANTON.

A KONGMOON ARSENAL.

Communists Threaten A Reign of Terror.

MANY ISOLATED INSTANCES OF BANDITRY IN COUNTRY.

Having suffered defeat in Canton, the "Reds" have now reached the outlying districts, where they are creating trouble in various forms.

In Kongmoon the startling capture of a miniature arsenal has been effected.

In other places houses have been burned, market towns attacked, and threats made to begin a reign of terror. One place, at least, opposed the "Reds" to such effect that the village guards were able to drive the invaders away.

A Chinese who blandly confessed he had robbed the Canton treasury of \$1,400 was sent to jail this morning.

JAIL FOR OFFICIAL.

Pakkai (Kongmoon), Dec. 19.

In the absence of the military, the city police at Kongmoon have taken on themselves the duty of hunting out persons suspected of plotting with the Communists.

Labour unions have come in for special attention.

In a raid on a house of ill-fame, seventy pistols were found concealed and several men were arrested.

Plot Nipped in the Bud.

A price has been put upon the heads of the extremist labour leaders of Kongmoon. The police authorities are confident that they have nipped in the bud a serious attempt to launch a Red rising at Kongmoon similar to that at Canton, and the capture of the big arsenal at Pakkai has dealt the Reds a heavy blow.

Revelations have been made in connection with the strike of crews of the Hong Kong steamboats.

Duped by the Chairman.

The crews have since found out that they have been duped by the chairman of the local branch of the Seamen's Union who professed to be acting under orders from Canton when, in fact, no such order had been given.

Those who took part in fomenting the strike have had to flee as the police accuse them of plotting against the government.—Our own correspondent.

FIRST ATTACKS.

Effect of Reds Spreading From Canton.

Having fled from Canton on the tide turning against them, Communist agents have succeeded in stirring up robber bands in two separate parts of Kwangtung which are not very far from the metropolis.

Over thirty houses in Namsha, a market town in the Tungking district (about 70 miles eastwards of Canton), have been burned by an attacking force of bandits to whom the gates were opened at night by Red spies.

Agitators stole into the town and vicinity and entered into terms with the "red" peasant corps detachments. The village guards were overcome after a short fight and the place was soon looted.

1,000 Reds Near Railway.

There is practically the first instance of the Red influence having spread from Canton to make itself felt in the out-country. Almost simultaneously, a Red

Song, "Red in Summer," Classes 9 and 10.

Song, "The Riddle," Alice Dedear and Peggy Eccleshall.

Recitation, "Missing," George Knight.

Song, "Rainbow Fairies," Class 9 girls.

Recitation, "An Apple Rhyme," Billy Gegg.

Song, "My Shadow," Billy Pryde and Betty Longbottom.

Song, "Come to the Fair," Class 7 and 8 boys.

Recitation, "Binker," Vera Handyside.

Song, "In the Gloaming," Classes 7 and 8.

Song, "Hunting Morn," the School.

Recitation, "Brownies," Moira Wattle.

Two Carols by the School.

force of over 1,000 strong is gathering in the urban areas along the Canton-Hankow Railway (Kwangtung section), about 50 miles north of Canton.

Fortunately, the surrounding country is full of troops being withdrawn southwards to defend Samshui—as the front line—against the Kwangsi advance down the West River.

Reds Driven Off.

More encouraging news has been received from a market town nearer to Canton where the village guards ("man tuen") drove off several hundreds of bandits, guerrillas, peasant corps and Reds.

Before they could do so, however, the Reds had set fire to the shops and houses and several houses and shops were gutted.

The Man Tuen claims several captures and the killing of "large numbers of the Red enemy."

Kerosine at the Door!

S.O.S. messages have been sent out from a large village in the Chungfa district, about 40 miles north-east of Canton.

Here the Reds have placed tins of kerosine outside shops and houses on which demands for money have been made in specific sums.

The total amount asked for is \$30,000 and quotas have been allotted. Worst of all, peasants in the village are in league with the Reds.

The village folk have been allowed three days to find the money and the period of grace expired yesterday.

\$1,400 LOOT HERE.

Jail For Men Who Robbed Treasury.

Arrested on his arrival from Canton with about \$1,400 in his possession, a Chinese told the police that the money was entrusted by his uncle to bring down to Hong Kong for safe keeping.

When he was this morning charged by Det. Sergeant Rozesky before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy, the prisoner told a different story. He said that he was in Canton during the "Red" coup. The "Reds" ransacked the Treasury, and after they left he collected the remainder of the money which the "Reds" had overlooked. The Magistrate passed sentence of four weeks' hard labour.

SMART SENTENCE.

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Hong Kong, 15th December, 1927.

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Hong Kong, 15th December, 1927.

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Asiatics only are allowed to travel 3rd Class		4 copper cents
Book of 100 tickets—Asiatics only		\$4.00
Monthly Tickets—Single	6.00	
" " " (Persons under 16 years of age)	2.00	
" " " Family (3 persons)	9.00	
" " " (4/5)	12.00	
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Hong Kong, 6th December, 1927.

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General Managers,
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Hong Kong, 17th December, 1927.

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8.30 p.m. to 12 Midnight.

\$2.50 Per Person.
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Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December	a.m.	p.m.
" 21	6.58	5.44
" 22	6.59	5.44
" 23	6.59	5.44
" 24	7.00	5.45
" 25	7.00	5.45
" 26	7.00	5.45
" 27	7.01	5.47
" 28	7.01	5.47
" 29	7.02	5.48
" 30	7.02	5.48
" 31	7.03	5.49

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RECOLLECTIONS OF SIR J. ROSS.

"WHAT A MEMORY."

If all reminiscences were as lively as "Pilgrim Serp" (Herbert Jenkins, price 18s.), by the Right Hon. Sir John Ross, the last Lord Chancellor of Ireland, then novelists would have to turn their hands to another trade. Sir John Ross tells us that his recollections are all dependent on memory. What a memory! The Ireland of legend, of wit and drollery, is captured in this book, every page of which is an entertainment. Charles Lever said there was more wit, epigram, and sparkling fun at the Irish Bar than in the rest of the Empire, and Sir John has packed enough into his book to convince us that Lever was right.

The Greek Goat.

Baron Dowse was irrepressible, and a grim inquirer into the ways of resident magistrates. On one occasion he said in open court that a magistrate was no more able to state a case than he was to write a Greek ode. A reporter (Sir John suggests that he was "wicked") transformed this to such purpose that it appeared in the Press as "the resident magistrate could not ride a Greek goat."

A Capable Trumpeter.

During the Summer Assizes at Omagh, Dowse reappeared after lunch on a turbulent mood, and ordered the police to clear the court of everybody who had no legal business there.

"What is that soldier doing here?" he ejaculated, pointing to a red uniform in the body of the court.

"Beg pardon, my lord," said the man of war, "I am your lordship's bugler."

"Well," roared the Baron, "go and bugle outside; in this court I can do my own bugling."

The Old Woman in the Bedgown. Dowse used to tell a delightful story of an Irish interpreter who had been caught speaking privately to a witness in the box. "Under threats from the Bench," writes Sir John, "the interpreter was compelled to divulge what had passed."

"Have mercy on me, my lord, and I will tell all. Peter (the witness) says to me, 'Who's the old woman sitting up there with the red bedgown round her?' (i.e., the judge). And I says to Peter, 'That's the old boy that's sent down to hang yes all.'"

The Sleeper Awakened.

Sir John, in his earlier days, acted as junior in a case before Sir Edward Sullivan, then Master of the Rolls, whom Sir John describes as impetuous and fiery, but able and learned. Apparently he was looked upon as a sort of prize tiger, for before he took his seat in court, his cravat used to appear and say in a loud stage whisper to the registrar, "Will I let him out?" Sir Edward became more and more domineering as the case proceeded, and, in the midst of an argument, asked the rhetorical question, "Where is the man who really engineered this fraud?" In order to achieve still greater dramatic effect, he reiterated, "I ask again, where is he?" At this a crier who had been sleeping in his box high up in the court suddenly awoke and cried, "I don't know where he is."

Sensation in Court.

Few books have conveyed as eloquently as "Pilgrim Serp" the inimitable comic interest of the Irish Courts. The following dialogue is recorded by Sir John, and the leading figure, William McLaughlin, Q.C., was one of the Nor-West leaders. McLaughlin was something of an autocrat, and, once in court, surrounded himself by a barrier of reserve, saving himself for full dramatic effect when it became his turn to speak. He was annoyed if a fellow-barrister, or even his solicitor, attempted to speak to him, and any client doing so, suggests Sir John, was in danger of physical assault. "Once when he was making a powerful address to a jury on behalf of a client of singularly unprepossessing appearance he signalled to him to sit down, instead of standing up to exhibit himself proudly at the back of the court. The poor man asked a mischievous young barrister what it was his counsellor wanted him to do. 'He wants to speak to you,' said the junior. 'How am I to get to him?' said the man. 'Climb over those benches,' McLaughlin, hearing a noise behind him, turned round and beheld this awful apparition sprawling towards him. At once his glasses dropped from his eyes, and throwing up his arms, he cried, 'O Lord! what is this coming upon me?'"

Bad On the Face of It.

On another occasion McLaughlin was an advocate in a case where the plaintiff claimed damages for assault and battery. In the course of it the following dialogue takes place:—
"McLaughlin: 'You're a peaceable Christian man yourself?'"
"Plaintiff: 'I am.'"
"McLaughlin: 'You wouldn't hurt a fly?'"
"Plaintiff: 'No.'"
"McLaughlin: 'Never hit anybody in your life?'"
"Plaintiff: 'Never.'"
"McLaughlin: (suddenly producing certificates of convictions for violent assaults by the plaintiff on various occasions) 'Were you convicted of assaulting a man called Black?'"
"Plaintiff: 'The Bench made a mistake.'"
"McLaughlin: 'Were they mistaken when they convicted you of an assault on White?'"

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GAS THEFTS?

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST EX-EMPLOYEE.

The hearing was continued by Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon of the case in which A. A. Remedios, a former employee of the Hong Kong and China Gas Company is charged with wilfully damaging a gas meter.

Mr. F. E. Thompson the Company's accountant was recalled and Mr. d'Almada cross-examined asked what would have happened if inaccuracies were found in an account of a consumer who was not on the staff of the Company.

Mr. Thompson replied that an amended account would be sent, and if it was paid unchallenged no further steps would be taken.

Evidence was given by two Chinese fitters of the Gas Company to the effect that the defective meter in Remedios's house was removed about November 18 and replaced by a new one. About November 19, the new meter was removed and it then registered 300 cubic feet as having been consumed.

Mr. Lindell pointed out to Mr. R. A. Wadson, for the prosecution that it would be more satisfactory if it were possible to prove the date on which the new meter was installed and subsequently removed, and Mr. Wadson decided to recall Mr. L. J. Blackburn, Manager of the Gas Company.

Manager's Evidence. Replying to Mr. Wadson, Mr. Blackburn said that the change of Remedios's meter was ordered by him on November 17 and his records showed that the change was made on November 18. The new meter and all the gas fittings in the defendant's house were removed on November 19 on the defendant's request after he had been dismissed. By Mr. d'Almada: In 1923 cases out of 1,000 a faulty gas meter registered against the Company. The witness ordered the meter to be changed partly on account of the low figures in the defendant's account.

Replying to another question, Mr. Blackburn said that he would not at the moment dispute Mr. d'Almada's statement that Mr. Xavier's figures were as low as Remedios's.

A Meter-Waterer. An employee of the Gas Company, who was described as a meter waterer, his duty being to put water into the meters, informed the Court that six years ago he attempted to enter Remedios's house to fill the meter with water. He was then told by the inmates that the water would be filled all right and he had never called again since that time.

A meter reader in evidence stated that since 1925 he had not been reading defendant's meter, but informed the Court that the meter book had been filled up every month. In reply to Mr. R. A. Wadson (for the prosecution) witness said that he was responsible for the entries in the meter book when he was examining the meters of the district covered by that book.

The case was adjourned till tomorrow morning at 11.15.

REDS AT FOOCOW.

U.S. GUNBOAT SUSPECTS "CARGO."

We have received information that the Soviet military men who were on board the s.s. "Transalt" were landed in Foochow, writes the "Shanghai Zarya." There is reason to believe that "Red" instructors were supplied to Canton at the time as well as prior to the coup d'etat.

It is reported that the rumour to the effect that an American gunboat, detained at the entrance to Woosung, a Soviet steamer with a large number of

GRETNA GREEN.

IN ART AND HISTORY.

The French genius is often said to lie in logic, and the French pride themselves on being, at bottom, a rational people. And, alas! they have even set to work to rationalise the usual sentimental English traditions about Gretna Green marriages; and, what is worse, on being appealed to, one of the oldest inhabitants of that Scottish neighbourhood supports from his own recollections which the French authority had arrived at by historical research. Lecturing to the Institute of France on "The Blacksmith of Gretna Green," a French scholar suggested that his subject was a myth, and that while these runaway marriages were celebrated by the plighting of a troth in the presence of all sorts of convenient witnesses at Gretna, from soldiers to smugglers, the blacksmith was an empty legend. Now, after inquiry from an eighty-year-old native of Gretna Green, a correspondent assures us that the rational Frenchman was quite right, according to the octogenarian the legend started with an artist who painted a sign for the Gretna Green inn which showed a young couple exchanging their vows in the presence of a blacksmith. As a matter of fact, any witness would have served; in all probability the artist selected a smith merely because he thought that craftsman would emphasise the lasting nature of the matrimonial link which was being forged. And so it would, because a smith is a distinctly more permanent sort of person, one who was much more likely to be found again to testify in case of need, than the fishermen, soldiers, sailors, and smugglers before whom the real Gretna Green marriages were often performed. But the artist's convention has passed into the popular tradition; in the realm of most people's ideas Gretna Green is probably inhabited to this day exclusively by blacksmiths and runaway couples. And all the Frenchmen and all the octogenarians in the world will not now suffice to shake that tradition. The sign-painter painted his sign, and the historians will seek in vain to efface its message.

IN KOREA.

KOREANS RETALIATE FOR OPPRESSION.

Tokyo, Dec. 14.
According to despatches from Korea, serious disturbances have occurred during the past few days in Southern Korea, where the Koreans have been retaliating for the oppression which the Chinese are alleged to have inflicted on Koreans in Manchuria. Besides a boycott of the local Chinese, personal assaults have been carried out, resulting in the destruction of houses belonging to Chinese. There have been several casualties.

Owing to the fear of further attacks several hundred Chinese are reported to have fled to Manchuria, though the police, gendarmes and reservists have been mobilised for the purpose of preventing further disturbances.

army men on board, has been confirmed. The American gunboat became interested as to where and why these people were going. The steamer with the strange "cargo" was not admitted to Shanghai, but who can guarantee that there was no landing party all the same, and that a few individual "Reds" did not penetrate to Shanghai, where it is easy to hide oneself for a time at least.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

LLOYD'S CALENDAR. COASTAL CHANGES.

INFORMATION ESSENTIAL TO UNDERWRITERS.

The issue of Lloyd's Calendar for 1928 serves as a reminder that this is a work of reference which, it is to be feared, is sorely neglected by underwriters, even those who are members of the great corporation which publishes the work. It may be said that Lloyd's Calendar contains so much information which is useful, and in some cases essential to underwriters, that it is astonishing to find it absent from practically every underwriter's desk, at least so far as the London Marine Insurance Market is concerned. One excellent feature of this year's issue is the segregation of legal matters into a new section of the book, wherein will be found some interesting law cases decided during the legal year ending with the Trinity term of 1927.

It is to be noticed that these cases deal more with shipping than with insurance matters, although the case of the Merchants Marine v. North of England Association, dealing with the question of whether a floating crane is a ship or vessel, is included. What is really useful about the legal section from the underwriters' point of view is that in it are gathered the various Carriage of Goods by Sea Acts and other shipping Acts, concerning which underwriters in those days often require quickly available information. Indeed, from the underwriters' point of view, it is perhaps a pity that the York-Antwerp Rules remain in Section 2, instead of being included with the other codes in the legal section, although it must not be forgotten that the York-Antwerp Rules are a purely voluntary code and have no legal effect, save that which is gained by the provision for their use made in contracts of affreightment. For the rest, it may be said that Lloyd's Calendar is now a text book in itself, and if it is not included in the list of books recommended for study by students of marine insurance under the Chartered Insurance Institute's educational scheme, it should quickly find a place in that list.

COLLISION SEQUEL.

VERDICT AT COURT OF INQUIRY.

Underwriters interested in the collision which occurred on October 15, between the French liner "Paris" and the Norwegian steamer "Bessengen," as a result of which the latter was sunk, will be interested to learn that the Court of Inquiry recently held at Havre exonerated the master and crew of the "Paris" from all blame. The court held that the accident was caused by a moving line of barges on one side, and a dangerous wreck on the other, which made it impossible for the "Paris" to avoid the accident. It must be realised that this finding does not have any real bearing upon determining the liability of either vessel for the collision, for presumably this will be decided in the American courts, unless an amicable settlement can be arrived at between the parties concerned. It is, however, the finding of a properly-constituted tribunal, which heard the evidence, and which was probably assisted by expert advice, and as such it is prima facie evidence that the accident was unavoidable, or at any rate with the "Paris" not to blame.

MOVEMENTS IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.

Captain W. J. Andrews, of the "Ningpo," is on reserve.

Mr. R. W. Forster, second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second officer, "Kwangse."

Mr. J. W. Bennett, second officer, "Kwangse," has gone second officer, "Hsin Peking."

Captain W. Noon, of the "Hanyang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. L. Shinn, chief officer, "Hanyang," has gone master, same ship.

Mr. J. M. Hall, sup'y chief officer, "Wanliu," has gone chief officer, "Hanyang."

Mr. G. P. Cope, second officer, "Chusan," is on reserve.

Mr. F. A. Galbraith, sup'y second officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second officer, "Chusan."

Mr. J. D. Craig, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. P. H. Todd, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Whangpu."

Mr. F. J. C. Wilson, third engineer, "Chekiang," is on reserve.

Mr. E. Dunn, third engineer, "Whangpu," has gone third engineer, "Chekiang."

Mr. E. Dun, third engineer, "Kwangse," has gone third engineer, "Tungchow."

Mr. R. Cook, from shore employment, has gone acting third engineer, "Kwangse."

Mr. J. H. Cameron, from reserve, has gone sup'y chief engineer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. L. W. Waterman, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Chungking."

Mr. J. S. K. Oliver, third engineer, "Tungchow," has gone sup'y third engineer, "Chungking."

Mr. A. M. Jewell, second officer, "Yatshing," has gone sup'y second officer, "Suifu."

Mr. R. G. Merry has been appointed sup'y second officer, "Tuck-wo."

Mr. J. Fowles, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Tingsang."

Mr. J. Adam, third engineer, "Tingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. M. Sangster, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Fausang."

Mr. T. C. Malcolm, second engineer, "Fausang," is on reserve.

—Shipping & Engineering.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left Shanghai for this port on December 20 at 4 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here on December 23 at about 7 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port on December 19 at noon with the outward English Mails, and is due here on December 24 at about 9 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on December 25.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama for Vancouver on Friday at 8 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on December 26.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 10, and is due here on December 29.

The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 26, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.

The M.V. "Viminaire" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here on January 5, 1928.

The M.V. s.s. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 5.

The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on December 6, and is due here on or about January 13.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Sunning (1,570) British, from Canton, B. & S.

Linan (1,356) British, from Canton, B. & S.—250 passengers, 50 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hupoh (1,205) British, from Shanghai, Amoy, B. & S.—10 passengers, 300 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 27 tons general (through).

West Cayote (3,472) American, from Davao, Cebu, Col. Pacific, 130 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,000 tons general (through).

Ramses (4,899) German, from Hamburg, Shanghai, Jebsen & Co.—12 passengers, 5,030 tons general cargo (through).

Song Bo (720) French, from Haiphong, M.M.—7 passengers, 580 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, St. Louis, Bie (3,557) French, from Saigon, M.M.—90 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,305 tons general (through).

Cremer (2,755) Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow, J.C.L.—1,647 passengers, 100 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,630 tons general (through).

Sandviken (1,775) Norwegian, from Batavia, Singapore, Cheong Fat Co.—172 passengers, 2,388 tons sugar for Hong Kong.

Maud (1,351) Norwegian, from Keelung, Hidaia & Co.—2,995 tons coal for Hong Kong, 900 tons coal (through).

Sagara Maru (1,061) Japanese, from Amoy, M.B.K.—1,400 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Draufuku Maru (2,037) Japanese, from Milke, M.B.K.—3,945 tons coal for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—50 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Chung Hing (249) Chinese, from K. C. Wan, Hong On—335 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tailee (1,044) Chinese, from Taingtau, Yu Tai Hong—260 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,300 tons general (through).

Hai Ching (1,257) British, from Fochow, Swatow, Douglas—204 passengers 500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 38 tons general (through).

Departures.
For Wei-haiwei—Kojun Maru.
For Shanghai—St. Louis, Bie, Pres. Jackson.

For Swatow—Hai Ning.
For Amoy—Takliwa.

For Tournay—Phranang.
For Hoihow—Helikon, Menado Maru.

For Macao—Tak Hing.
For Saigon—Bourbon, Paul Lecat.

For Singapore—Tilawa, Akita Maru.

For Manila—Pres. Taft.
For Antau—Tak Hing.

For Moji—Samarang Maru.
For Takao—Koshun Maru.

For Hongkong—Yunnan.
Clearances.

For Swatow—Takliwa Maru.
For Manila—Tango Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals.	Departures.	In Port.
British	4	4	25
Japanese	2	5	6
Norwegian	2	1	7
Chinese	3	3	18
Dutch	1	0	6
French	2	3	1
German	1	0	1
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MANILA MARU Saturday, 31st December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
BORNEO MARU Friday, 23rd December.
KASADO MARU Tuesday, 3rd January.
SHUNKO MARU Friday, 6th January.
(*Calls at Karachi).
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOZAMBIQUE—Via Singapore and Colombo.
MEXICO MARU Thursday, 5th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Friday, 23rd December.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 21st December.
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MALWA	10,088	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
NELLORE	9,114	14th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUTSANG	Mon., 14th Jan., at 7 a.m.
Canton	YATSHING	Thurs., 22nd Dec., at 4 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKSANG	Fri., 30th Dec., at 3 p.m.
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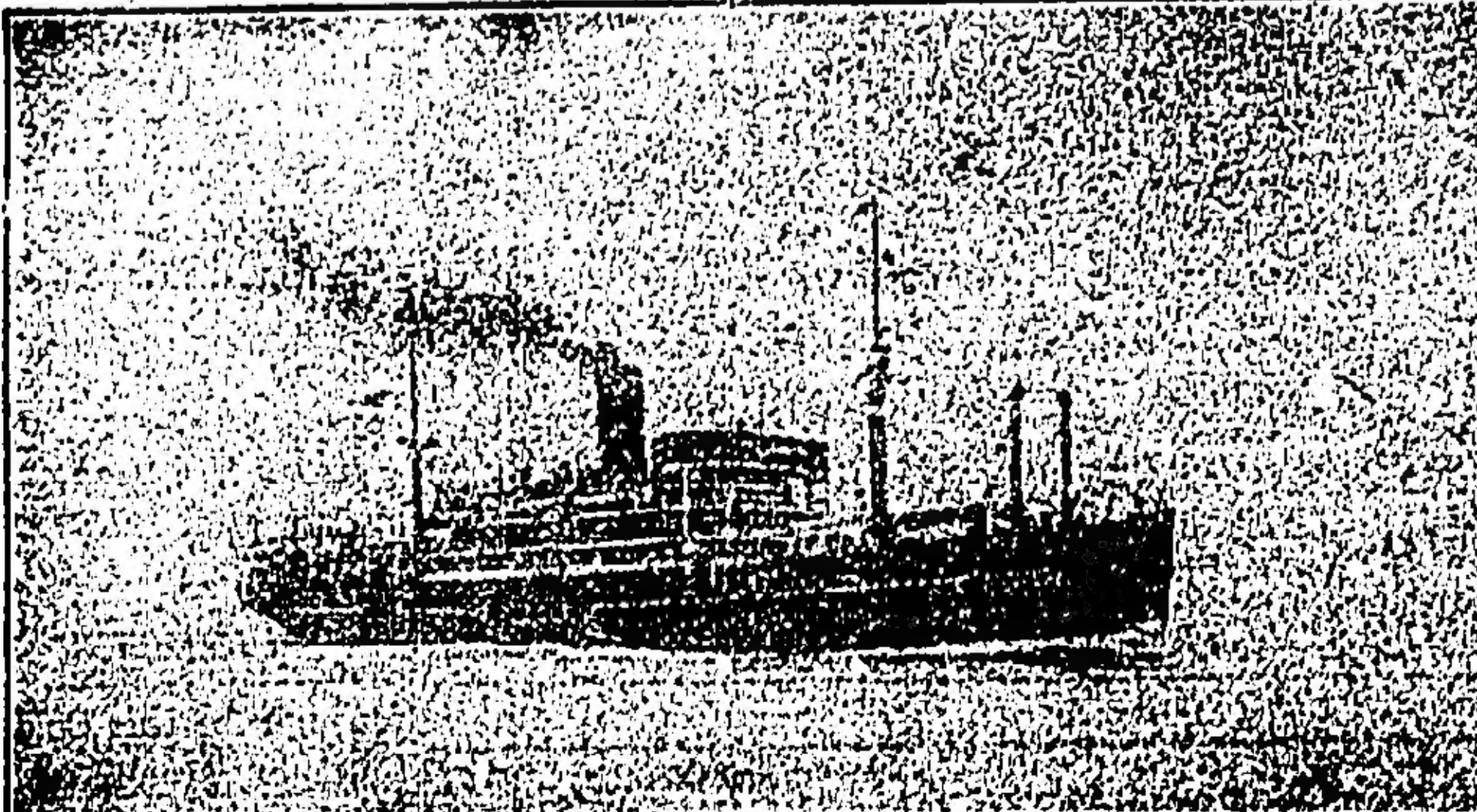
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REVIVE THE STOCKS?

A Chinese Red agent who was caught in the act of distributing seditious literature was yesterday sentenced at the Magistracy to six months' imprisonment with hard labour and to receive eight strokes with the "cat." In passing sentence the Magistrate stated that, although the pamphlet, on the face of it, was not violently seditious, it was the first step of a scheme of intimidation following the so-called Red occupation of Canton. His Worship continued:—

"It is the dregs of the populace who embark on such propaganda, and as such you will be treated. For an offence like this, committed in times of emergency, the Magistrates have power to flog. That power they will not hesitate to use on scoundrels like you. You will have six months' hard labour and eight strokes of the cat." The literature distributed by this man contained an exhortation to the labourers, agriculturists, soldiers and "poor citizens" of Hong Kong to take example from the armed riot in Canton. One of the pamphlets urged labourers to claim the right to re-instate the Seamen's Union, to form other Labour Unions and to insist on the right of free speech.

With the strong denunciation by the Magistrate there will be general agreement. It is bad enough for this Colony to be the dumping ground of the dregs of the populace of Canton and other places in Kwangtung without the peace and order of the Colony being menaced by their underhand seditious propaganda. The "poor citizens" of Hong Kong need not the mediation of the bloodthirsty Reds from Canton or elsewhere to

plead their cause. Nor can there be any "right" on the part of any one to seek to reinstate the proscribed Seamen's Union that was at the bottom of all of Hong Kong's troubles in 1922 and again in 1925 and subsequently.

The power to inflict the "cat" on the scoundrels to come here to stir up trouble is a very wise one, and it is to be hoped that others convicted will be sentenced to receive the same dose. Mere imprisonment is really no punishment to the hardened Chinese criminal, and less to the seditious Reds who rather glory in their "martyrdom" for the "cause." Combine a few strokes of the "cat" with imprisonment, and they have a different tale to tell of their misfortunes of being caught in the act of distributing seditious pamphlets in this Colony.

There is still another form of punishment that might well be revived not only for Red agents but for the type of criminal called "gunmen." That is the stocks, which have in the past been known to be a real deterrent to crime and a humiliation to the convicted occupants. With the wave of crime of a very serious nature in Shanghai in the North and Singapore in the South, no precautions and no measures can be drastic enough to preserve for this Colony the comparative immunity it has so far enjoyed from crimes of violence and of sedition. If the re-introduction of the stocks will assist in any way in dealing with such scoundrels as that sentenced yesterday there is no reason why the matter should not receive the consideration of the Police authorities. Their hands must be strengthened in every possible way. And this is one of them. A brute understands only brute force. Anything less does not appeal to him and does not instil in him a fear of the law. In China itself he knows that he will get short shrift when caught. Let him realise that a conviction in this Colony means not only a term of imprisonment but both the "cat" and the stocks, and he will think twice or thrice before making his obnoxious presence felt here.

A PREMATURE PLEA.

Sergeant Fitches this morning charged a cashier of the Ho Hong Bank before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy with the embezzlement of \$3,080, the property of the bank. The embezzlement was alleged to have extended from December, 1926.

The accused, Sui Yung-sang, pleaded "guilty" in spite of the fact that Mr. M. K. Lo had been instructed to defend him.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"AS OTHERS SEE US."

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir,—I write to add my humble measure of congratulation to the vast amount you must already have received in respect of the contribution which appeared in your Monday's newspaper over "Ur Ana Thur." I am glad to see that someone has at last given public light to some of the silly things we do out here. I particularly detect those absurd little boxes stuck on gateposts on the Peak and in other residential areas. "Ridiculous" "judicious" and "baths" most aptly describes them. More power, say I, to your correspondent's pen. I hope what he says will make some of those among us pause awhile and think. If they do that the article will have done a great amount of good.

Yours, etc.

"ANTI-HUMBUG."

Kowloon, Dec. 20, 1927.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.") Sir,—Although it is not my habit to mix much in the company of men I gather an article you published at the beginning of the week entitled "As Others See Us" has occasioned considerable comment around town, in Clubs and also in various family circles. I have read it myself, and although in parts its portrayal of our foibles is more or less truthful, I cannot say that I endorse (or appreciate) the spirit which has prompted the writer to pass on to the public of Hong Kong the views of a friend of his who happened to take a quick look at us and depart. This friend appears to be one of those objectionable persons who deal in "nothing but the truth," and the writer must be classed in an almost equally distasteful category. To me it looks like some shameful conspiracy to shake our faith in ourselves.

Why, I ask, should these two people, whoever they are, come along and broadcast to the world what we do and say and think? What moral or legal right have they to upset our peace of mind? Already anxious faces are to be seen on the Peak tram every morning, the owners despairingly asking themselves: "Am I the fine fellow I thought I was?" "Do I take a really highbrow outlook on life and am I carefully nurtured grand manner and way of looking at people more pomposity?" "Am I standing in the view of my fellow-mortals where I thought I did?" And they all seem to end up with the desperate query: "Is Hong Kong where it was?"

I, for one, sincerely hope it is. I hope that my friends who have suffered personal twinges as the result of the publication of that article will be able to shake off those twinges, that their skins will prove thick for these darts to penetrate, and that they will go back to their old ways of doing things. Not only do I hope all these things—I plead for them.

Let us, I beg, continue in our originality; let us remain in our niche; let us retain our social organisation which is redolent of the Brahminism of snobbery; let us keep the retailer in his place!

Let me, please Mr. Editor, retain my faith in judging a man by the job he holds; let clerks blossom into accountants and plumbers into engineers; let my wife have her calling box. To attempt a parody on the work of a poet whom we have read, and mildly appreciated since he commenced to write for the London "Morning Post"—

"Don't do this thing! Let's have our fling!

Think of our standing—

And God Save the King!"

Yours, etc.

PER ANGSTA AD AUGUSTA.

P.S.—It would probably be a good thing for the community if these two chaps were muzzled.

DRIVER CHARGED.

WOMAN WHO WAS KNOCKED DOWN.

The Chief Justice and a jury heard the case this morning in which Sandi Khan, Mr. C. Bernard Brown's Indian chauffeur, is charged with the manslaughter of a Chinese woman named Ip Ching who died from severe injuries received through being knocked down in Connaught Road West on the night of November 21 by a Buick motor car driven by the accused. The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. S. Fitzroy, whilst Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Jun., appeared for the defence and produced in Court a model of the section of Connaught Road where the accident occurred.

The case is proceeding.

MANY ALIASES.

It is understood that Richard Charles Williams, the man of many aliases, will be charged with fraud to-morrow morning, the case having been added to the calendar as a special one.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

IMPRISONMENT AND "CAT" FOR OFFENDERS.

"PIRATE" SENTENCED.

At the Criminal Sessions this morning, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood passed sentence of five years' hard labour and 15 strokes of the "cat" on the Chinese who was yesterday convicted by the jury on a charge of having been concerned in an armed robbery in a Chinese shop at No. 53, Kowling Street.

Gold Bar Piracy.

The Chinese who was at the beginning of the Sessions convicted of the unlawful possession of one of the ingots of gold, worth \$30,000, which was carried away by pirates who seized the steam launch "Two Fat Hing" as she was conveying the gold to the s.s. "Frominent" bound for Saigon, was also sentenced this morning. Mr. Justice Wood sent the accused to jail with hard labour for three years.

Armed Robbery.

Two Chinese were then charged before Mr. Justice Wood with having been concerned in an armed robbery in a Chinese shop in Jer-vis Street, when several men entered on the pretext of placing an order for some cloth and suddenly held up the shop people.

Both accused pleaded "guilty" and sentences of five and seven years' hard labour, respectively, were passed. In addition both accused were ordered to receive 12 strokes of the "cat."

Man and Woman.

The Court then proceeded to hear the case in which a Chinese man and a woman are charged with having been concerned in two highway robberies in Kowloon in both of which a Chinese woman living in Cheungchau was the victim.

The complainant was alleged to have been brought from Cheungchau by the female accused on the pretext that there was employment for her in Hong Kong. The two accused took the complainant to a theatre and on the way back they were held up by highway men and the woman robbed of the major portion of her jewellery. Later the accused were alleged to have volunteered to take the complainant to the police station to make a report. Instead, they took her to the railway at Hungnam, where after they had relieved the complainant of the remainder of her property, they were alleged to have pushed her down the embankment and then run away.

The case is proceeding.

Discharged.

In the case in which the former Dairy Farm coolie was charged with the manslaughter, with others not in custody, of another Chinese who it was alleged they had thrown into the harbour after having assaulted him near the Shek-ki Junk Wharf, the Chief Justice this morning decided that there was no case to go to the jury, and the accused was discharged.

"BURIAL" IN ASSAM.

TEMPORARY HABITATION OF THE SOUL.

Mr. J. H. Hunton contributes to "Man" details of a remarkable method of disposing of the dead at Wakhing, a village of the Konyak tribe in the Naga Hills. After death, the body is wrapped in leaves of the thatching palm and placed in one of a number of trees, usually six, associated with and usually near the "mourning" of the clan using them. Outside the village a tall is put up, with a screen, in front of which is a wooden figure of a man serving as the temporary habitation of the soul. This figure, which ends just below the waist, can be and is used for other dead afterwards. After nine days the head is detached from the body and cleaned by the children or relatives and placed in the village cemetery in a special stone receptacle. This is a solid conical standstone block from two to three feet in height, with an arched recess to take the skull. The recess is closed with a flat stone, and the whole covered with a conical sheath of thatching palm leaf.

The skulls of males and females are treated in the same way, but the receptacle for females differs in shape. The fact that persons desirous of having children perform ceremonies over the stones confirms the view that they have a phallic significance. Many of the stones are ornamented with various carved patterns. Persons who die a violent death or from an epidemic, and children, are not treated in this way. The custom of disposing of the skulls of the dead in phallic carved stone is apparently limited to Wakhing and the neighbouring Konyak village of Wakhing. It forms a definite link between the menhir and the carved wooden soul figures and with related customs of another link between Assam and the Pacific.

PEAK CHILDREN.

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL PRIZES.

SATISFACTORY EXAMINATIONS.

In the absence of Lady Clementi, who is indisposed, Lady Stewart Taylor distributed the Peak School prizes at the Peak Club yesterday afternoon. Previous to this important annual event the scholars treated the large number of parents and friends gathered there to a splendid entertainment, including a Christmas play, nursery rhymes and recitations.

Among the audience were Mr. A. E. Wood, Rev. E. Pearce, Rev. Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe, Col. and Mrs. Hayley Bell, Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Mr. and Mrs. Hornell, and Rev. and Mrs. Featherstone.

The Year's Work.

The Headmistress' report of the year, read by Mr. Ralphs, stated:—Attendance.—The school year began on January 10 with 62 pupils and closed on December 22 with 63 pupils. In April there was a large exodus of children to England and America. The numbers thus decreased in the summer term but by autumn the School was again well filled. The average attendance for the year is 51.

Health.—The School has been visited from time to time by Dr. Minet and the pupils thoroughly examined. Very few reports of defects were made and with the exception of a few cases of measles in spring the School has been quite free of illness. Owing to the measles cases we closed school three days earlier at Easter to have it painted. These three days were made up by closing school later for the summer vacation.

Staff.—There have been no changes in the staff save in the visiting Gymnasium Mistress. Miss Dyer went on leave and was replaced by Miss Jaques early in the year. Thanks to Miss Jaques the children now have organized games and net ball which they greatly enjoy.

Work.—During the year good work has been done in all classes, and the examination results have proved satisfactory. Fifteen children were presented for the Royal Drawing Society Examination in June, with the following results: Honours 4, Passes 8.

Regarding the prize list, I would like to say that all the tiny children get a prize, which makes the rewards seem large in proportion to the number of pupils.

I would like to thank the Rev. Mr. Copley Moyle for so kindly helping us every Wednesday. We shall miss him and we wish him every happiness at Home.

Thanks are due to each member of the staff and to Mrs. Griffin who very kindly played the piano for us last week when one member of the staff was ill.

Prize Winners.

Lady Stewart Taylor then presented the prizes, as follows:—

Class 10.—Sis Hofstede, Ann Marcel, Geoffrey Brearley, David Cook, Paul Hofstede, Beverleigh Bultitude, Erica de Rome, Dorita Breakpear, John Wood, Patricia Tod, Mary Frances Wallace, Dick Bell, George Syme Thomson, Daphne Griffin, Marthe Cuvillier, Jacqueline Hargreaves Browne, Jimmie MacKenzie and Tony Evers.

Class 9.—Division 1: Peter Cornaby, 1st prize; Anne Cooke, 2nd prize. Division 2: Allison Kinghorn, 1st prize; Wendy Remington, 2nd prize.

Class 8.—Malloch Stark, 1st prize; John Mitchell, 1st prize; Richard Cassidy, 2nd prize.

Class 7 (Preparatory).—Audrey Jackson, 1st prize; Kathleen Wolfe, 2nd prize.

Class 6:—Senior Division: Marion Lane, 1st prize; Muriel Gubbay, 2nd prize; Betty Mitchell special prize. Junior Division: Nancy Hornell, 1st prize; Shiona MacKiehan, 2nd prize.

Royal Drawing Society Certificate:—Division 1:—Honours Certificate: Marion Lane, Joan Frank, Shiona MacKiehan, Pass Certificate: Betty Mitchell, Nancy Hornell, Cecily Clementi, Dione Clementi.

Preparatory Division:—Honours Certificate: Audrey Jackson. Pass Certificate: Doreen Hynes, Kathleen Wright, Oskar Bitzer, Helen Lindell.

The proceedings ended with cheers for Lady Stewart Taylor.

PRIVATE JAILED.

SENTENCE OF COURT-MARTIAL CONFIRMED.

Now Delhi, Dec. 1. The General Officer Commanding the Lahore District has confirmed the sentence of two years' hard labour passed on Private Jolly, of the 2nd Battalion of the York and Lancaster Regiment, for using violence against a superior officer while in the execution of his duty.

IRONSIDES LOSING.

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The Right Man.
General Li Chai-sum, according to the same report, replied that he would return to Canton as soon as his ally (of the Kwangsi faction) had won the day on the West River (against the Ironsides).
The "Kung Sheng Yat Po" also quotes a statement attributed to Mr. Sun Fo, the Nationalist Finance Minister at Shanghai. It is interesting to note that Mr. Sun Fo formerly sided against Li Chai-sum. Now he is said to have expressed the view that Li Chai-sum is the right man for Canton. He was in charge, Mr. Sun Fo says, for over a year and there was no trouble. The Ironsides get into power for three weeks—and the Reds break out.

STRAWS IN THE WIND.

Leftist Politicians Keeping in the Rear.

Which way the wind is blowing can be seen from the absence of Mr. Kam Nai-kwong from a sitting of the city Kuomintang of which he is chairman.

Mr. Kan is a Leftist, a supporter of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, and his faction has been accused of a Pink, if not a Red, taint.

Another Leftist in Mr. Chan Shu-yan is also talking about resigning from the post which he at present holds.

Support is now definitely swinging away from the Leftists towards the "neutrals" and the Kwangsi faction.

IN THE NEWS.

ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S POLICE REPORTS.

The police have arrested a coolie on a charge of larceny by bailie of a gramophone and 30 records worth \$60 the property of a Chinese living at No. 620, Shanghai Street, Yumatt.

The Taipo police have reported to Headquarters an attempted piracy on board junk No. 207 at Fung-wongwat in the Tolo Channel, yesterday. Particulars of the attempt have not yet come through, but the report stated that three men have been arrested and are being detained at Taipo for investigation.

The showcase of a piece goods shop at No. 229, Des Vaux Road Central, was broken yesterday and cloth worth \$104 stolen. Another Chinese shop at No. 35, Wing Lok Street, also had its showcase broken during last night, and two sets of animal horns worth \$200 were carried away. The method in which the two showcases were broken seemed to show that the "jobs" were done by the same thief.

A shop coolie employed by the Wing On Company has reported to the police that whilst he was on his way to Shek-tong-tai yesterday afternoon to deliver three boxes of clothing, he was accosted by two men who told him the usual bank-note story and succeeded in persuading him to attempt to change the notes for them, leaving the boxes of clothing behind as security for the money. When he discovered that the bundle contained waste papers and returned to the spot where he had left the two men, they had already decamped with the clothing.

"ROCKING MOON."

ALASKAN SCENES AT THE QUEEN'S.

"Rocking Moon," the picture being shown at the Queen's Theatre will appeal because of its wonderful scenic effects, apart from the fact that there is a well-told story running through it. It shows us a fur farm on an Alaskan island, has a compelling love interest and a full share of honour. Lilyan Tashman and John Bowers are the leading characters. There is another of those well-liked "Our Gang" comedies in the programme, together with a "newsy" Pathe Gazette.

"Last Days of Pompeii." The famous Italian film, "The Last Days of Pompeii," starring Maria Corda, is being shown at the World Theatre. A gripping story of passion and desire is built around the days which immediately preceded the destruction of the city of Pompeii. Spectacularly, the film is a marvellous one.

SAIGON TO PARIS.

AIRMAN HAS REACHED ROME.
Paris, Yesterday. Challe, flying back from Saigon

BRITISH INDUSTRY.

SERIOUS POSITION OF COTTON TRADE.

COLLAPSE FEARED.

London, Yesterday. The serious position of the Lancashire cotton trade was further illustrated by a statement yesterday by Mr. S. S. Hammersley in the House of Commons. He said that 200 mills were in the hands of the banks, who lent the spinners about \$15,000,000. He suggested that the banks should write off one or two millions overdrafts now rather than lose the whole \$15,000,000 in five years and ruin the Lancashire cotton trade. The only solution was along the lines of large scale amalgamations and the elimination of inefficient concerns. Mr. C. E. Hobson, Vice-President of the Manchester Cotton Association, declared that if something most drastic was not done there would be a collapse.—Reuter.

The Idle List.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Ministry of Labour announces that on December 12 the number of unemployed was 1,125,200.

This was 24,448 less than the week before and 235,178 less than a year before.—British Wireless Service.

Better Understanding.

Rugby, Yesterday. During the debate on unemployment in the House of Commons last night, the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Phillip Cunliffe Liston, referred to the November figures for overseas trade, which showed an increase of 16 per cent. in the value of British trade compared with November two years ago. That meant an improvement of about twenty-five per cent. in exports, which was equal to the average month of 1918. There was now less shipping laid up than at almost any time in the past. The adverse trade balance had also been considerably reduced during the past month.

Dealing with the outlook in industry generally, he said there was a better understanding and greater mutual confidence.

In the foreign field the Government had designed its policy to help trade.

In regard to Russia, that country sold to us in the first three months after the breach more than it sold three months before the breach. If the Russians were free to sell, they were also free to buy. There was no lack of facility to do so.—British Wireless Service.

LALOR'S RESCUER.

BRITISH OFFICIAL APPRECIATION.

London, Yesterday. The British Government has instructed Sir Miles Lampson, its representative at Peking, to express to the Rev. Forbes Tocher its admiration and appreciation of his action which has attended his persevering and courageous efforts for the release of Captain Lalor.—British Wireless Service.

"Beyond All Praise."

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Sir A. Chamberlain paid a tribute to the Rev. Forbes Tocher's action in dealing with Capt. Lalor's captors, observing that Mr. Tocher's "fearless determination and perseverance in very difficult conditions were beyond all praise."

Progressing.

Hankow, Yesterday. Capt. Lalor continues to make satisfactory progress.—Reuter.

LATVIANS SPIES?

ALLEGED RUSSIAN AGENTS.

Riga, Yesterday. The police have arrested 17 Latvians charged with membership of an espionage organisation to supply Russia with comprehensive military information. Those arrested are largely supplied with money, and some have admitted that it has been provided by Moscow authorities.—Reuter.

TWO BANK HOLIDAYS

PROCLAMATION BY THE KING.

London, Nov. 4. The King has, by proclamation, appointed Tuesday, December 27, as a Bank Holiday in England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. This will give two successive Bank Holidays, as Monday, December 26, (Boxing Day), is already a Bank Holiday. The last occasion on which Christmas Day fell on a Sunday was in 1921, when, following the precedent of 1910, the Tuesday was declared a Bank Holiday. The Postmaster-General in 1921 announced that it was the first occasion on which a full delivery of letters and parcels had been

NEW DOCKYARD.

EMPLOYEES GET CHRISTMAS BONUS.

Kobe, Dec. 18.

Men employed at the Kawasaki Dockyard are rejoicing over the prospects of receiving a Christmas bonus, the divisible amount being 500,000 yen. Evidently the directors of the company feel it their first duty, despite the great financial stress, to reward the men for hard work and good behaviour.

The dockyard has been enabled to look after the men in this way by the recent decision of a powerful syndicate of banks to finance the company to the extent of 11,000,000 yen. The plan adopted by the bankers is to separate from the shipbuilding yard the works for making rolling stock and black sheets, and form a new company which will take over this work and run it with the new capital supplied by the syndicate. The idea is that the making of locomotives and other rolling stock, as well as black sheets, is a profitable and safe investment.

How soon this plan will actually be consummated it is difficult to say, but the scheme was submitted to a meeting of creditors held in Kobe on December 8 and approved. The directors sounded the views of the creditors as to a Christmas bonus for the men and this was also approved.

How and when the shipbuilding section will be put on its feet again, no one can tell. Naval construction is still going on under the charge of naval officers, but Mr. Matsukata is doing his best to arrive at an understanding with his creditors, and, as there are a number of important shipbuilding orders in sight, it is hoped that this side of the undertaking may also be rescued.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DOLLS.

MRS. COOLIDGE TO GIVE FUNCTION.

Tokyo, Dec. 11.

The "black-eyed dolls," which were sent to America by Japanese children in return for the "blue-eyed dolls" received in Japan last spring, are being given warm receptions at various places in America, according to a New York despatch dated December 9.

The telegram says that Mrs. Coolidge will give a reception for the Japanese dolls on December 27 at the White House, and the Major of New York will also hold a welcome meeting for them the following day.

The message adds that after these receptions, the Japanese dolls will be exhibited in one of leading department stores in that city for several days.—Toho.

FAMOUS EXPLORER.

MR. HARRY DE WINDT TO MARRY AN ACTRESS.

London, Nov. 10.

Mr. Harry de Windt, the famous explorer, is to be married to-day to Miss Elaine Inescourt, the actress.

The explorer, in 1902, returned from a memorable overland expedition from Paris to New York, which he had undertaken for the "Daily Express." He covered 18,204 miles in 248 days and traversed regions never previously visited by European travellers.

Miss Inescourt played a leading role, with the late Sir Charles Wyndham, in "The Mollusc," and has for many years created other leading parts.

"CIVILISATION."

THE DESIRE FOR THRILLS.

Somebody has said that civilisation consists in the correct balancing of values. If that definition is accepted, then surely the human race to-day is more uncivilised than at any time in recorded history, says a writer in the "Economist." For values to-day are topsy-turvy and assessment capricious to the point of monstrosity. The whole trouble arises out of a craving for sensation, which in turn is the outcome of an over-specialisation and ever-increasing monotony in the lives of the working multitudes of the industrial world. Any person who can step for a moment into the limelight and give us even a passing thrill we reward with a lavishness that knows no bounds and a hero-worship that cares no jot for the merits or usefulness of the performance that brings this fleeting fame. Like the Athenians of old, we are always in search of a new thing. But the Athenian's pursuit of novelty was a comparatively calm affair. He was not as we are, slaves flogged along the road by stimuli of Press, photography, cinema, cable, wireless. The inventions of modern science, which should be our servants in the search for truth and reality, are our masters in the hunt for artificial sensation and the inversion of values.

So it comes about that a prize-fighter for exercising his art in the ring for a few minutes receives a payment which, invested soundly, will assure him for life an income that Premiers and Ambassadors must envy. A lady tries to fly the Atlantic, and although she fails, she finds herself offered a salary of \$2,000 a week. Why? She has done nothing useful, and has not even succeeded in her aim. But she has done something spectacular, some new thing for a woman, and it is the spectacular and the new thing which counts. A cynical politician has been heard to say of a man who was a grievous Parliament failure that if he could only make up his mind to stand on his head in front of the Speaker's chair he would win his way through notoriety to material success.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Rocking Moon."
To-day—World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."

To-day—Star Theatre: "Honesty The Best Policy" and "The White Outlaw."

To-day—Tea-dance, Cafe Regent, 4.30-6.30 p.m., dinner dance, 8 p.m.

December 22-24—Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."

December 22-24—Star Theatre: "Wandering Husband."

December 23—Grand Concert at the City Hall under the auspices of the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., 7 p.m.

December 24—Dinner dance at King Edward Hotel, 8.30 to midnight.

December 25-26—Star Theatre: "I, N. R. I."

December 25-26—World Theatre: "The Palm Beach Girl."

December 25-28—Queen's Theatre: "The Kid Brother."

December 27-28—World Theatre: "Tin Hats."

December 27-28—Star Theatre: "The Lucky Lady."

December 29-31—Queen's Theatre: "Resurrection."

December 29-31—World Theatre: "Aloma of the South Seas."

December 29-31—Star Theatre: "Fadlocked."

December 31—New Year's Eve dance at King Edward Hotel, from 8.30 to midnight.

Sports.

December 24—Christmas meeting of the Fawling Hunt at Kwant.

December 25—International football match for "Sunday Herald Cup": Scotland v. Portugal, 3.45 p.m.

Meetings.

December 24—Annual meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, in Old Chamber of Commerce Room, 5.30 p.m.

December 22—Ninth yearly meeting of the China Light & Power Co., (1913), Ltd., St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., noon.

December 22—Sergeant's Mess Meeting, Volunteer Headquarters, 8 p.m.

January 7—Meeting of Creditors of the Prince's Bldg. & Land Co., Ltd., 6 Des Vaux Road Central, noon.

Miscellaneous.

December 23—Presentation to the Rev. Copley Moyle at reception in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6-6 p.m.

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turned from leave recently has been
posted for duty to Tapah as
D. C. P. D.Mr. W. S. Reeve-Tucker has been
appointed a member of the Central
Health Board, F.M.S., in the place
of Mr. C. R. Harrison.Colonel and Mrs. Cecil Rae have
left California on their return to
Malaya and are expected to arrive
in Ipoh at the end of the current
month.The Hon. Mr. Justice W. H.
Thorne will be leaving for Hua
Hin, Siam, next week, where he in-
tends spending the Christmas
vacation.Mr. Seichi Anasawa, secretary
to the Great Consolidated Electric
Power Co., Ltd., of Tokyo, has
spent the last few days on business
in Shanghai.Mr. H. P. Bearcroft, of the Elec-
trical Department, Penang Muni-
cipality, having completed his term
of service, has left the Colony, ac-
companied by Mrs. Bearcroft.Mr. V. C. G. Gattrell, Assistant
Superintendent of the Government
Printing Office, Singapore, has re-
sumed his duties after an absence
of about a month in the General
Hospital, where he underwent an
operation.Mr. C. H. Ryves, President of the
Sungei Ujong Club, Seremban, who
was operated on for appendicitis
two weeks ago, is progressing well,
and expects to leave the Seremban
European Hospital in the course of
a few days.The Rev. George Hutton, Con-
vener of the Church of Scotland
Colonial Committee (who is on his
way to make an extended tour of
Australia and New Zealand), and
Miss Hutton were staying in Kuala
Lumpur recently.The Sandycroft Robber Co., Ltd.,
have acquired the services of Mr.
Clive R. Nettleton, in the capacity
of Assistant. His reputation as a
cricketer of considerable merit
in Auckland, N. Z. will no doubt
be appreciated in the district.Captain Koichi Shiozawa and
Lieut.-Commander Oka, of the Jap-
anese Embassy, were among the
hosts at a luncheon given for
foreign naval attaches in London to
the members of the Board of Admi-
rality at Claridge's on November 15.With the departure of Mr. A.
MacRory, of Takau estate, Serem-
ban, for England, Negri Sembilan
loses one of the oldest planters in
the State. He will probably join
the board of Takau estate while at
Home, and expects to come to the
East again in two years' time.Mr. Kenneth Axford Toft, son of
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. A. Toft, of
Seremban, who was formerly on the
staff of the Anglo-Chinese School,
Seremban, recently sat for his B.A.
examination at the Hong Kong Uni-
versity. He is expected back in
Malaya shortly, and on his return
will join the Government English
School, Seremban.Mr. Justice H. W. Prichard, K.C.,
who went to Singapore to sit in the
Court of Appeal, will not be return-
ing to Penang, where he has been
stationed since his arrival in the
Colony. From Singapore His
Lordship goes to Kuala Lumpur to
sit in the Court of Appeal, and after
that proceeds to Seremban, where
he will be stationed.Rugby, Dec. 20.—Mr. Amery, the
Colonial Secretary, who is making a
tour of the Dominions, has left
Auckland, New Zealand, for
Canada. The New Zealand Premier,
Mr. Coates, emphasises the value
of Amery's visit in assuring the
continuance of a close and sym-
pathetic outlook between the Brit-
ish and the Dominions' Govern-
ment.London, Dec. 20.—Severe wintry
weather continues throughout Brit-
tain, and the South Coast last night
experienced a blizzard. In London
the weather is clear and sunny but
for the fifth succeeding day the
temperature is well below freezing
point. Skating is proceeding in
many parts of the country and
snow covers the Midland and
Northern Shires. The forecast is
for a continuance of the present
conditions over Christmas.King Feisal of Iraq honoured Sir
Elly Kadoorie with his company at
dinner on November 12 at 6,
Prince's-gate. Among the other
guests were: Jafar Pasha el Askari,
Prime Minister of Iraq; Raouf Bey
Chaderchi, Minister of Justice;
Muzahim Bey al Pachachi, Diplo-
matic Agent; Major Tahsin Kadry
Bey, A.D.C.; Major-General Sir
John Hanbury Williams, Lady
Southwark, Lord and Lady Ashfield
the Dowager Lady Swaythling,
General Sir John and Lady Max-
well, Sir Herbert and Lady Samuel,
Sir John and Lady Risley, Sir John
Shuckburgh, Mr. Daly Stanford,
Sir Elly Kadoorie. Later
Sir Elly Kadoorie held a reception,
which kept the police in charge of
the traffic in the neighbourhood of
Prince's-gate busy for some hours.
Sir Elly's house, observes a "Daily
Express" writer, is not quite the
palace that he has built at Shang-
hai, but for a man who can receive
1,500 people with ease in his Chi-
nese home, any London house must
seem small.Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Corbett, of
Ipoh, sailed for Home by the "Sar-
pedon."Extension of leave has been
granted to Mr. P. B. F. Burr, Chief
Sanitary Inspector, Perak.Mr. A. B. Jordan, Chairman,
Sanitary Board, Kinta, has return-
ed to Ipoh after a trip to Hong
Kong.The "Pinang Gazette" records
the death of Mrs. B. W. B. Powell,
which occurred at London after a
brief illness.Mr. Charlton Maxwell and one of
his daughters are on a short
visit to Ipoh and are guests of
Mr. Sydney Smith, State En-
gineer, Perak.At the Union ground, Pokfulam,
yesterday afternoon, Fast and Pro-
test students of the University,
Mr. Posenby-Fane was presented
with six jade buttons and a cricket
bat in recognition of the valuable
services and encouragement which
he had given to local University
cricket.Maj.-Gen. Douglas MacArthur,
commander of the Third Corps Area,
who has been made commanding
general of the Philippines. Maj-
Gen. MacArthur is a strong sup-
porter of Leonard Wood's Philip-
pines policy. Next to the post of
Governor-General of the islands, the
most important post, from an Ameri-
can point of view is that of com-
manding general of the Philippines.Probably the most interest-
ing of the freshers at
Oxford, writes Evelyn Irons
in the "Daily Mail," is Mom
Chao Noy Kityakara, a cousin of the
young King of Siam. Her delicate
olive skin, almond eyes, and heavy
black fringe are most attractive,
and she has the reputation of being
the smallest woman in Siam. She
is certainly the smallest in Somer-
ville. She studies medieval his-
tory, and dumbfounds the dons with
questions on the elements of Euro-
pean religion! Her father, the
Prince of Chandaburi, was at
Balliol, and she is now a thorough
Oxonian, appreciating everything
from English clothes to English
weather.The marriage took place on Nov-
ember 10, at a South Coast resort,
between Capt. Harry de Windt, the
explorer, and Miss Elaine Ines-
court, the actress. Capt. de Windt,
who is 37, is the brother-in-law of
the Dowager Rane of Sarawak.
He travelled from Paris to New
York by land via Russia and the
Behring Straits, the only time this
journey has been made. The first
time he attempted it he was cap-
tured by Siberian natives and
prisoned for three months, being
rescued eventually by a whaler.
Miss Inescourt is 40, and has acted
with Sir Herbert Tree, Sir Charles
Wyndham, and Ellen Terry. She
has also done film work in Holly-
wood under the direction of Sessue
Hayakawa.Among the passengers leaving on
the "President Jackson" were the
following:—Mr. W. A. Dowley, trav-
elling to Shanghai. Mr. Dowley
is an exchange broker in Hong
Kong and is well-known in local
business circles; Mr. S. Howard,
returning to Shanghai. Mr. Howard
is connected with the firm of John I.
Thornycroft and Co., Ltd.; Mr.
Kutschbach, Manager of Messrs.
J. C. Anderson and Co., returning
to Shanghai after a business trip
to Hong Kong; Mr. C. S. Gubbay,
connected with Messrs. E. D.
Sassoon and Co., travelling to
Shanghai. Mr. W. W. Hornell, is
Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong
University on a pleasure trip to
the North. Mrs. B. A. Proulx, re-
turning to Shanghai, Mrs. Proulx
is the wife of Mr. B. A. Proulx,
Passenger Agent of the Dollar
Line in Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs.
K. Morinichi, travelling to Japan.
Mr. Morinichi is the Manager of
the Tokyo Match Co., Ltd.'s Singa-
pore Office. Mr. Marlen Tusch,
travelling home to Europe via the
States. Mr. Tusch is a Min-
ing Engineer in the French
Indo-China. Mr. R. F. C. Hedge-
land, travelling home to Europe.
Hedge-land is the Commissioner of
Customs in Canton, and is return-
ing home to England on furlough.
Mr. G. E. Lokoma, well-known
All-England Travelling Agent.Mr. R. L. Naish, Managing Direc-
tor of Kamuning Tiao Dredging
Company, and Mr. J. Addinsell have
gone to Siam on business.Mr. J. D. Maxwell Smith, Chair-
man of the Sanitary Board, is short-
ly leaving Ipoh on transfer and
will be stationed at Temerloh.A Gazette Extraordinary ap-
points Sir Hayes Marriott, K.B.E.,
C.M.G., as Governor's Deputy dur-
ing the absence of H.E. from Singa-
pore.Mr. T. G. Husband, who went to
Malacca not very long ago, to act
as Executive Engineer there, will
be returning to Penang on the re-
turn from leave of Mr. G. Holden.Dr. J. F. N. Morgan, who is re-
turning to Malaya early in the New
Year, will not return to Pahang,
but will join Dr. E. T. Fisher in
estate medical practice in Central
Johore.The second Shanghai Ladies'
Paper Hunt of the season will be
held on Sunday, December 25, at
3.30 p.m., instead of Sunday, De-
cember 18, as was previously an-
nounced.The marriage of Mr. Edgar A.
Edgar, of Edgar Bros., Singapore,
with Miss Stella Marcar was to
be celebrated at Sourabaya on the
15th inst. in the newly-built Ar-
menian Church.An earthquake was recorded at
Kew Observatory in mail week. It
began at three minutes fourteen
seconds past two (G.M.T.), and
the distance of the epicentre was
estimated to be 5,640 miles.Col. Sir James Burnett, who re-
linquished command of an infantry
brigade of the Shanghai Defence
Force, has arrived at Crathes Cas-
tle, Kincardineshire, where he and
Lady Burnett will remain until
January.The marriage arranged between
Mr. Herbert George Cronk, M.B.,
and Miss Mary Sharp, late of Sara-
wak, and The Old Cottage, Welwyn
Garden City, was to take place on
Nov. 14, at St. Stephen's, Hamp-
stead.In the "Morning Post" of Novem-
ber 15 there appeared a picture of
the Hon. Mrs. Charles Balfour,
daughter of Lord Ashburton, and
wife of Major Charles Balfour,
Scots Guards, who has joined her
husband in China, where he is sta-
tioned.A Chinese was sentenced to six
weeks' hard labour at the Kowloon
Magistrate's yesterday afternoon,
before Mr. W. Schofield, with the
theft of a gold watch, a pair of gold
earrings, and 8 10-cent pieces, on
December 17, from 149, Ki Lung
Street.The King has approved the ap-
pointment of Sir Tudor Vaughan,
K.C.M.G., M.V.O., Minister at Riga,
to be Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary at Stock-
holm. Sir John has been in the
Diplomatic service since 1894, and
at one time held a post in Peking.On a Wednesday afternoon a
Malay, who was driving a bullock
along the road from Karak to Men-
takab, saw, about two miles out of
the latter place, a large tiger jump
out of the jungle and make towards
him and the bullock. The bullock
is said to have run in one direction
and the Malay in the other, while
the tiger fled back into the jungle.Mr. Maurice Maude, the well-
known Chairman of the Ceylon
Rubber Estate and other Companies
is expected in Malaya shortly. Mr.
Maude's name is principally asso-
ciated with the famous Ceylon, near
Telok Anson, which he discovered
mostly as a jungle, and which to-
day is one of the best dividend pay-
ers in the rubber world, while the
estate possesses some of the finest
specimens of rubber trees in the
East.The Malay States Information
Agency having moved on November
15 from 10, Cannon Street, to 57,
Charing Cross, S.W.1, overlooking
Trafalgar Square, the event will be
celebrated on November 18 by a
luncheon at Victoria Hotel, North-
umberland Avenue, to which a large
number of guests have been in-
vited. Sir Laurence Gullenard is
to preside, and Mr. Ormsby Gore,
Secretary of State for the Colonies,
will be present.The origin of the famous tin
fields in the Kinta district of Perak
is worth recalling at a time when
tin is so much in the public eye.
A Chinaman named Mo Peng had
a number of coolies working the
rich tin mines in the Janka Valley.
Cock-fighting was then one
of the principal pastimes in the
country, and Mo Peng joined up
with a Malayan Rajah in the neigh-
bourhood, who had a passion for
the game. Both backed their birds
with very high stakes. One day
Mo Peng, having lost very heavily,
staked all his mines on his best
cock. The Rajah accepted his
challenge, and put up a bird which
secured a victory for him, and all
Mo Peng's mines. Mo Peng thus
had a large army of coolies at his
command, but no land to work, so
he marched his men to a spot some
25 miles away, where he had heard
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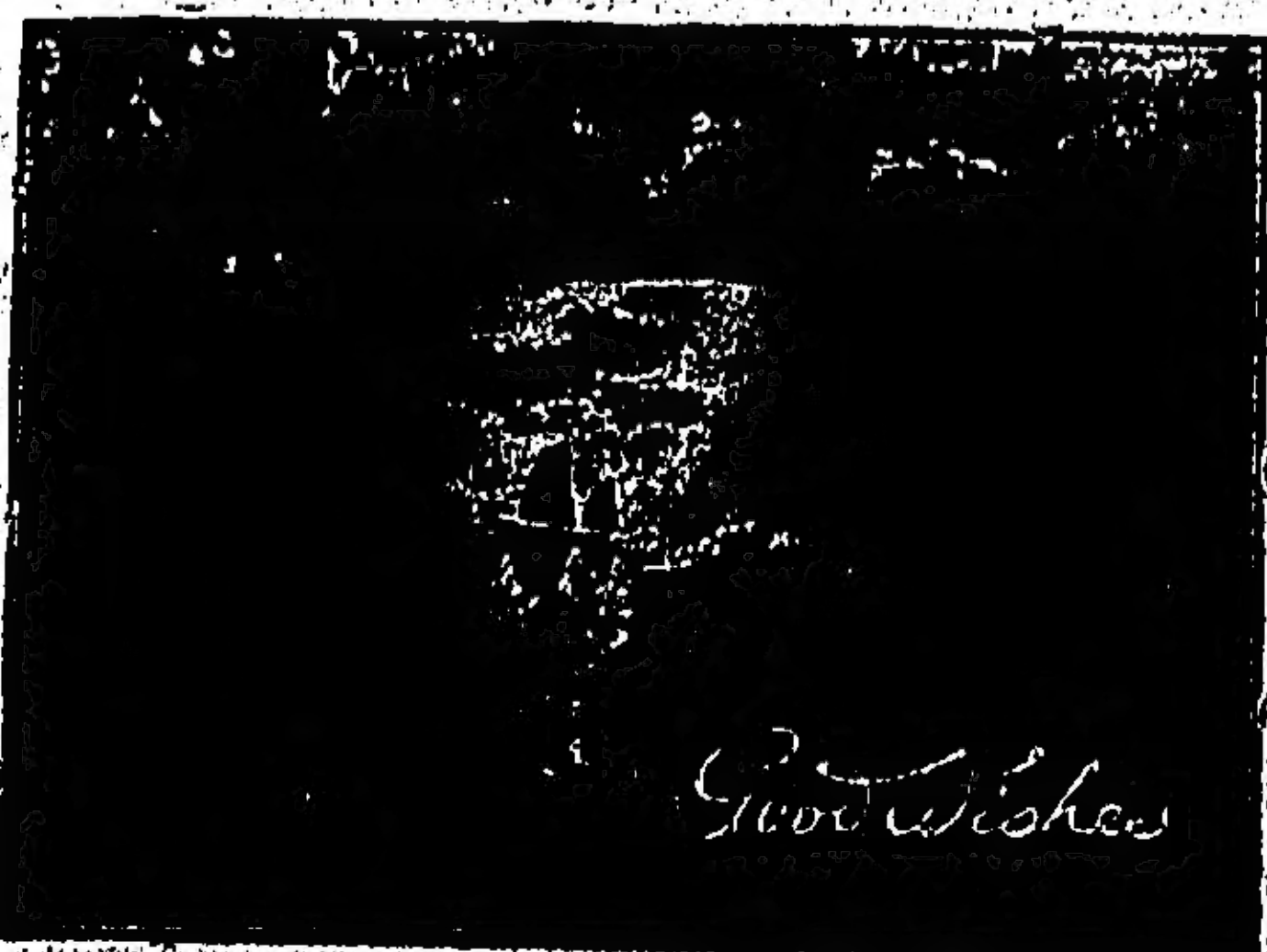
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SPORTS

LOCAL CRICKET

FAREWELL MATCH AT UNIVERSITY.

PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS

A match between University past and present students was played at the Union ground, Pokfulam, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Ponsonby-Fane, who is soon leaving the Colony, captained a side which defeated by six wickets the team captained by Mr. B. P. Ng, President of the Union in 1925. During the tea interval a presentation was made to Mr. Ponsonby-Fane.

Details:—

Mr. B. P. Ng's XII.	
S. V. Gittins, b Hiptoola	31
E. A. Lee, b Lam	1
S. Kerman, l.b.w., b Lam	0
J. Barrow, b Lam	0
B. P. Ng, l.b.w., b Hiptoola	43
M. B. Osman, b Lam	4
A. P. Guterres, b Lam	10
B. N. Sudan, at Ponsonby-Fane	6
Y. C. Teh, b Lam	27
A. Baker, hit wicket, b Lam	0
A. Aziz, not out	7
H. T. M. Barma, b Lam	0
Extras	11

Total 140
Bowling: C. W. Lam took 8 wickets for 62 runs.

Mr. Ponsonby-Fane's XII.	
A. H. Rumjahn, b S. V. Gittins	30
D. Laing, c Guterres, b E. A. Lee	0
F. Zimmer, run out	36
A. A. Rumjahn, retired	46
A. Chan Fook, b Baker	21
W. H. Sling, not out	1
Extras	17

Total (for 5 wks.) 151
C. W. Lam, F. H. Traves, G. E. Yeoh, F. Hiptoola, A. B. Sullivan, and Ponsonby-Fane did not bat.

FRIENDLY GAME.

R.A.M.C. Beat R.A.O.C.

In a friendly match played on the Indian Recreation Club ground yesterday, the R.A.M.C. beat the R.A.O.C. by 125 runs to 51.

Details:—

R.A.M.C.	
Pte. Bird, b Hale	70
Pte. Osborne, c Greenaway, b Hale	6
Pte. Tiernan, c Gilbert, b Burger	0
S. Sgt. Sims, c Bryant, b Burger	0
S. Sgt. Taylor, hit wicket, b Hale	2
Pte. Johnson, c Greenaway, b Burger	6
Pte. Shepherd, run out	31
Pte. Barnes, c Greenaway, b Butterfield	0
Corp. Lees, st. b Hale	7
Pte. Waters, c Bryant, b Hale	0
Pte. Snod, not out	0
Extras	3

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Burger	6 1 27 3
Hale	13.2 1 54 5
Bryant	4 0 25 0
Butterfield	6 1 17 1

R.A.O.C.	
Q. M. S. Butlerfield, c Sims b Bird	0
S. Sgt. Greenaway, b Tiernan	9
L. Corp. Burger, b Johnson	11
Hale, b Tiernan	9
Clarke, c Taylor, b Tiernan	0
Roberts, c Sims, b Bird	21
S. Sgt. Gilbert, c Sims, b Bird	1
Bryant, b Bird	7
Moscock, c Shepherd, b Bird	0
Morris, b Barnes	0
Corp. Hunt, not out	0
Extras	0

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Bird	10 7 9 5
Tiernan	9 2 29 3
Johnson	4 2 12 1
Barnes	3.1 2 1 1

ARMY CRICKET.

R.A.S.C. Draw With R.A. Team.

In the third round of the Army knock-out competition, the R.A.S.C. played a draw with the 31st Heavy Battery, R.A., on the Chinese Recreation Club ground yesterday. The teams will have to meet again, the winners qualifying for the semi-final.

Scores:—

R.A.S.C.	
S. Q. M. S. Moss, b Leech	8
Capt. Drysdale, b Gifford	0
S. Sgt. Wood, c Hall, b Gifford	4
Capt. Morris, c Hole, b Leech	24
S. Q. M. S. Newberry, c Leech, b Hole	24
Pte. Lyons, c Sandall, b Leech	11
S. Q. M. S. Glenn, c Haynes, b Leech	10
L. Cpl. Tibbs, b Gifford	14
S. Sgt. Wilkinson, b Trimm	31
L. Cpl. Fennell, not out	7
L. Cpl. McIntyre, not out	4
Extras	6

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Sgt. Gifford	13 8 50 3
Sgt. Leech	15 0 43 4
Bdr. Hole	3 0 14 1
Bdr. Fulford	3 1 7 0
Bdr. Haynes	2 0 9 0
Bdr. Trimm	3 0 14 1

(Continued at foot of next column.)

PRINCE OF WALES.

WIN IN SQUASH RACKETS CHAMPIONSHIP.

NOW IN SEMI-FINAL.

Rugby, Yesterday.

After a fine display of skill and endurance H.R.H. the Prince of Wales this afternoon defeated Lieutenant Commander Kershaw by three sets to two in the second round of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines squash rackets championship.

Lieut. Commander Kershaw is the well-known international rugby football player and generally one of the best British athletes. By his win the Prince of Wales enters the semi-final of the championship, where he will oppose Lieutenant Commander Mackenzie.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SOCCER.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY SHIELD COMPETITION.

On the Hong Kong Football Club ground, on Monday, December 26, Scotland will play Portugal and on Tuesday, the 27th England will play China.

The following have been chosen to play for England against China on Tuesday:—

Avery (R.A.F.); Wynne (Police) and Bishop (Club); Everest (K.O.S.B.s), Sims (Kowloon and Watson (Club); Larking (Queen's Regt.); Northey (Kowloon), Vernon (R.A.F.), Leach (R.A.) and Herridge (Queen's Regt.) Reserves.—Wheeler (Kowloon), Brittain (Police), Barclay (Queen's Regt.) and C. Pile (Kowloon). England will play in white.

SCOTLAND'S TEAM.

Following is Scotland's teams to play Portugal on Monday next at 3.45 p.m.

Rodger (Club); Hirst (Scots Guards); Martin (K.O.S.B.); McBride (Club), Stewart (Club) Capt. Carswell (Scots Guards); Campbell (K.O.S.B.), Humphreys (K.O.S.B.), McInven (Scots Guards), McIlhenny (K.O.S.B.), Alexander (K.O.S.B.).

Reserves:—Farlow (H.M.S. "Titanic"), Oram (H.K.P.), Sherry (H.K.P.).

FANLING HUNT.

REARRANGED CHRISTMAS MEETING.

The Christmas handicap as rearranged is as follows:—Ma Kou Siac 170, Wild Fellow 170, Easter Day 166, The Gomeril 165, Mowgli 162, Chin Shan 160, Humdinger 158, James Pigg 158, Blotting Paper 156, Lock Rannock 155, Deerhound 153, More Better 153, Loongwa 148, Tarce 148, Min River 147, Racehorse 147, Honey-moon 147, Bill Brewer 147, Red Leaves 146, Alhambra 145, Taz-zan 145.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY V. CLUB.

The following will represent the University against the Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" on Friday at 5 p.m. sharp at King's Park.—K. T. Loke (Capt.), K. P. Gan, Y. C. Teh, A. A. Rumjahn, G. S. Scully, C. W. Lam, B. N. Sudan, P. C. Lim, F. L. Tan, Dr. M. B. Oeman and Dr. C. K. Ong.

31st Hvy. Bty., R.A.

Gnr. Whittington, c Moss, b Newberry 25
L. Bdr. Haynes, run out 11
Sgt. Leech, c Rennell, b Wood 12
Bdr. Hole, b Newberry 0
Lieut. Hall, b Newberry 0
Sgt. Gifford, b Drysdale 26
Bdr. Fulford, not out 8
Bdr. Trimm, not out 2
Extras 2

Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R. W.	
Newberry	14 6 25 3
Wood	5 2 29 1
Morris	5 0 26 0
Drysdale	3 0 17 1

CIVIL SERVICE.

Team for Saturday League Match.

The following will represent the Civil Service in a League match against the University on the Civil Service ground on Saturday at 2 p.m.—

G. R. Sayer (Capt.), A. E. Wood, F. J. de Rome, B. D. Evans, E. W. Hamilton, B. C. K. Hawkins, F. J. Ling, A. W. Grimmit, W. H. Edmonds, H. E. Strange, and F. H. Holdman.

TOTALISATOR TAX.

BILL REJECTED BY VICTORIAN COUNCIL.

A QUESTION OF LEGALITY.

Melbourne, Yesterday. The Legislative Council on Monday rejected the Totalisator Bill, which proposes a tax of ten per cent. on all racecourse investments, of which the respective shares for the Government and the Racing Club will be 6½ and 4½.

The Government introduced the Bill as a financial measure, and now intends to investigate whether the Council was empowered to reject it.—Reuter.

[A Melbourne cable of December 13 stated: The Assembly has agreed to the third reading of a Bill establishing a totalisator tax on racecourses.]

A JAMES BRAID STORY.

Though decisively beaten by his 34-year-old opponent, Archie Compston, in the final of the £1,040 Tournament at Walton Heath, James Braid, the veteran of 57, appeared as happy in defeat as he might have been in success.

"The most amusing thing that has happened to me during this tournament," he said to a Press representative, "occurred just now when I went into my office to take off my golf jacket. The telephone bell was ringing, and I answered it. 'Is there a man there named Braid who is being married to-day?' asked the telephonist."

"When I recovered, from the shock I told the operator that there was a man named Braid, but he was not thinking of getting married again at the moment. Oh," said the girl, "I thought he must be getting married, because I have got such a batch of telegrams with congratulations for him."

PICNIC DISASTER.

INQUEST OPENED ON VICTIMS.

PROBABLE CAUSE OF FIRE.

The recent picnic mishap when a motor boat caught fire in the vicinity of Saikung and several Chinese lost their lives by drowning after they had been forced to take to the water, had an echo at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Mr. W. Schofield in his capacity as Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs. A. F. Vas, H. F. Jason and Y. A. Wahab held an inquiry into the circumstances attending the death of six victims—Mrs. Alley, Miss Tai Tau, Miss Chan Tim, and Messrs. Lai King-ching, Jamieson and Ip Kau.

Evidence of inspection of the burned motor boat, the "Tung Yat Fat" at Saikung, was given by Mr. Robert Hall, assistant Government Marine Surveyor. He said that the boat was similar to those plying for hire at Queen's Pier, the open type with a Class 2 licence and accommodation for 14 passengers, but when plying within the limits of the harbour it could carry twenty.

With the exception of the awning over the engine having been burned and the woodwork charred, the boat was not damaged. The carburettor was in a very bad condition. Two caps were missing while from the sparking plugs the securing nuts had disappeared. The engine as far as could be seen was not burned. There was no life saving apparatus on board the boat when witness examined it.

Possible Cause of Fire.

Questioned by the Coroner, Mr. Hall said that the absence of the carburettor caps and the spark plug nuts would cause the petrol to pre-ignite, which would result in a back fire, thus causing the pre-ignition to set fire to the motorboat. Witness was of the opinion that this was the most probable way the fire had originated.

With the carburettor in such a condition, a spark from a cigarette would also cause a fire, while on the other hand witness said that a carburettor in perfect order would not be likely to cause fire to the engine through a spark of a cigarette. The boat was licensed on October 22, having been surveyed two days previous to that date. It was then equipped with four life buoys, two sand boxes (each a ten inch cube), and two chemical fire extinguishers. Although it was stated in the permit that there should be seven life belts on board, witness said that there were no belts on the boat when the survey was made.

When the boat was inspected after the accident, witness only saw the two sand boxes, one of which had been partly used. Evidence of performing post-mortem examinations on the six bodies was given by Dr. Dovey, who said that all six showed signs of asphyxia by drowning, and this was certified as the cause of death in each case.

Sergeant Hudson testified to the finding of the bodies. Mrs. Alley was picked up at Namtausha near the landing steps, on the day after the fire (November 28). Miss Tai Tau was found on December 1 on the rocks at Cheungpattau (Port Shelter), whilst the others were

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Bucharest	796
Rio	5 29/32
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

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Billie Dove Finds a Single Costume May Be used for Many Different Occasions — Individuality in General Is the Keynote to the Mode.



Billie Dove, who always appears smartly dressed, has occasion in the First National motion picture, "American Beauty," to wear a costume of extreme novelty. It is also an example of economy of time and clothes as it is really a "three in one" frock.

To begin with, Miss Dove may be seen in a stunning black velvet evening dress that prepares her upon short notice for dinner after-noon tea or the formal dance. A hitch here and there she ac-complishes a complete change of appearance.

The evening gown, of black velvet, has its ripples, gold lined skirt slit at both front and back, where it falls away to disclose an underskirt of the same cloth of gold used for the lining. One half of the skirt lifted and buttoned over the shoulder and down—the arm gives a harlequin variance to the gown and so creates an entirely different effect. Both sides fastened the same way with the lapels falling away to reveal a vestee of black velvet and Miss Dove is ready for the most formal function. A simple change by fastening the bodice at the neck and adding a tiny gold turban and Miss Dove appears ready for the afternoon formality.

Of course, it is not always possible to create a single costume that may be turned into three, as if one had a fairy godmother with a wand to turn pumpkin seeds into coaches—but it is possible to select costumes that may be worn for more

than one occasion in complete correctness.

In general there is a silhouette with a decided change to follow. Skirts usually are both fuller and longer—particularly in the formal gowns.

The extremely uneven hemline is featured in the newer gowns. In some instances points of the hem may even touch the ground. The evenly marked skirt, short and straight all around is decidedly out of the picture now. Skirts, in general, are much fuller and are made different by panels and turned-up effects. Street and sports skirts are generally simple in appearance and possess the usual short lines.

The waistline, too, comes into its

share of importance. It is gradually creeping higher into a natural placing—but this point, however, is usually suited to individual needs. There are, of course, many bolts being worn and these naturally change the placing of the waistline. Several of the newer silhouettes show a decided absence of a waistline and use almost a princess line.

There is no decided outline to the present day frocks. They follow a general trend towards slimmness, but this is accomplished with a flare rather than the barrel silhouette which was so prevalent in the past.

Draperies are much in evidence—particularly in the afternoon and evening models. It leads to a complicated handling of fabrics, but inasmuch as the newer materials are of a pliable nature it is suited to that type of dress. Colours give a wide choice. The darker tones are used for daytime and in evening costumes are pale. Black, of course, takes the most prominent place. Brown is extremely chic and biscuit shades are much in vogue—especially those that merge into green. Hyacinth and aquamarine, turquoise and royal blues are much used. Greens are good in almost all variations. Greys are used but not so popularly as beige tints. Reds, purples, yellows, pinks and orange in the right dresses create their own appeal.

DEFENCE OF WHITE BREAD.

White bread is defended in a letter published in the "Lancet," and signed by six eminent doctors and scientists, including Sir Thomas Horder (chairman of the executive of the Federation of Medical Services), who affirm that the case for whole-meal bread has been overstated.

The letter states:—"Although whole-meal bread is a good article of diet for many people, white bread of good quality is also wholesome and nutritious. There are no good reasons for thinking that the substitution of whole-meal bread for white bread in the national diet will materially improve the national health and physique."

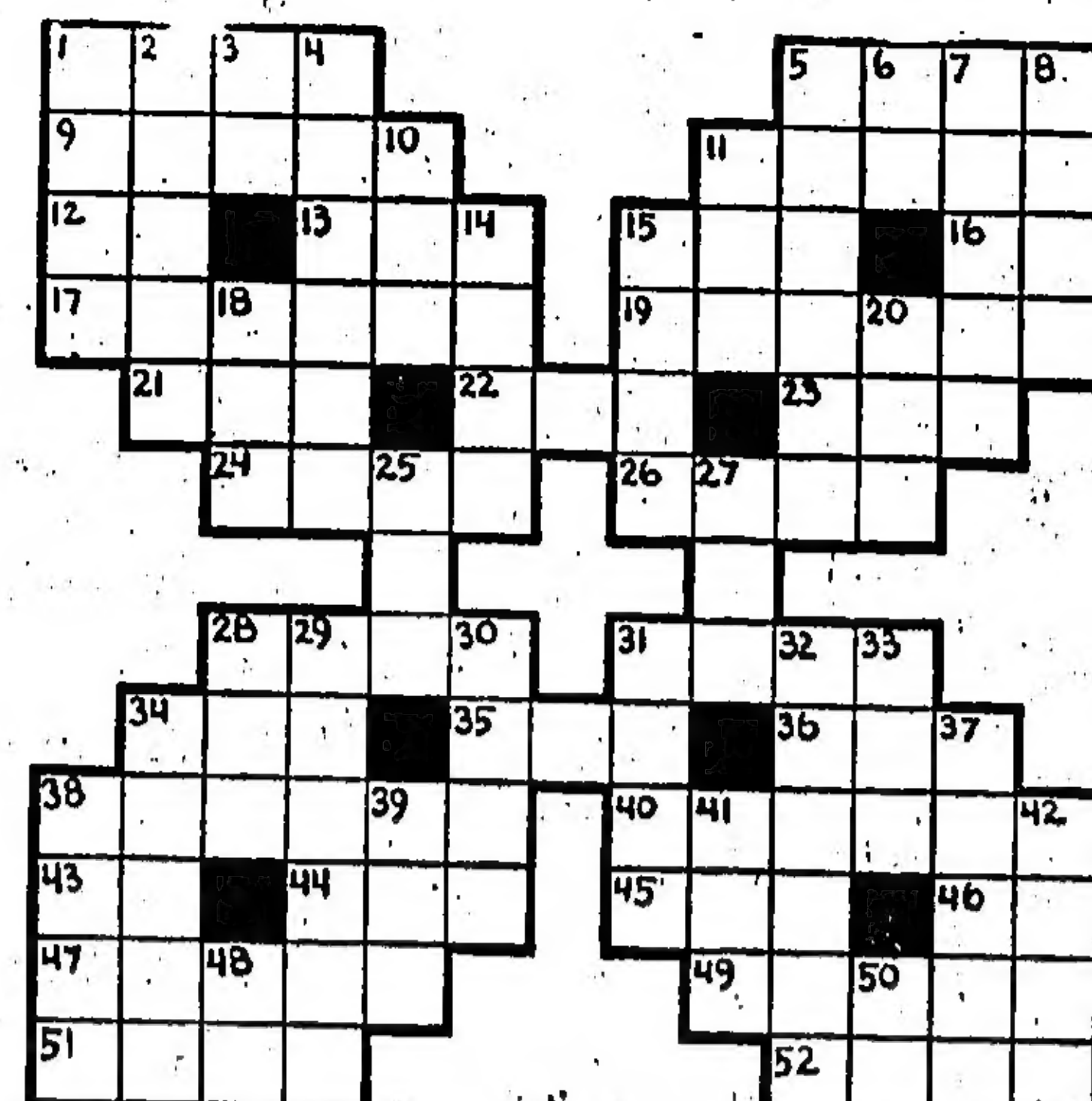
The letter adds finally:—"The allegation that white bread is responsible for cancer, appendicitis, and other diseases, is unwarranted, and unsupported by the scientific facts."

AUDACIOUS PARASOLS.

Audacious parasols, embroidered as intricately in paillettes, pearls and rhinestones as the most formal evening gown has been wont to be, made their glittering appearance at the Longchamp race course. These parasols resemble the flat Japanese sunshade in shape, but are of silks and chiffons, embroidered in various gleaming floral and bird designs. One of lavender crepe de chine, bordered with a narrow shirred self-band, has a square of thin silver net, studded with rhinestones, thrown over it. Another is embroidered solidly in paillettes in a widening shell pattern—a circle of shells in gold paillettes, succeeded by a row of silver ones, alternating to the parasol edge.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL
1-Plug of tobacco
5-Part of a ship
9-Not placed
11-Triangular end of wall, above the eaves
12-Nearby
13-Line
15-Flas
16-Abbreviation for each
17-Godlike
19-Stag's horn
21-Movable cover
22-To cut off
23-Lick up
24-Repair
26-Knotted
28-Abrupt
31-To entangle
34-To peruse carefully
35-Who was the heroine of Uncle Tom's Cabin?
36-End
38-Violent disturbance
40-Feast (colloq.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
43-Noting motion towards
44-Part tense of light
45-Garden tool
46-Behold!
47-Impelled
48-Smooth board with legs
51-What was the nickname for Queen Elizabeth?
52-Careless with lips

VERTICAL (Cont.)
18-Fence
20-Boy
25-Neither
27-Frozen water
28-Sound uttered by doves
29-What are pawnbrokers called?
30-Examine
31-Reduce to a soft state, as by bruising
32-Stripes of color
33-To urge to action
34-Light work of farmyard
37-Coverings for coffins
38-Stump of a tree
39-Young goat
41-Kitchen vessel
42-Succeeds in doing
43-Abbreviation for General Secretary
44-Abbreviation for British India

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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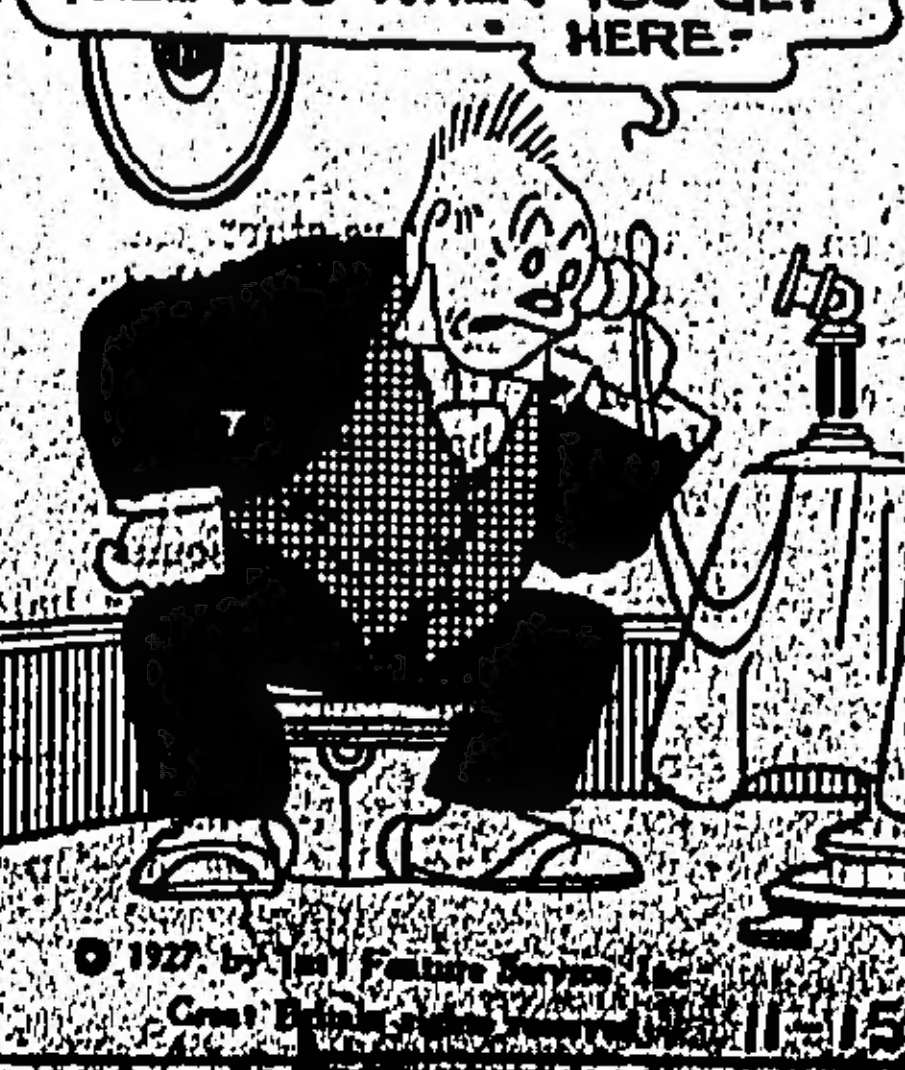
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BE HOME SOON-



HELLO-DOCTOR-COME OVER
RIGHT AWAY- I WANT YOU TO
DO SOMETHING FOR ME-I'LL
TELL YOU WHEN YOU GET
HERE-



BRINGING UP FATHER.

?



YES- YOU MUST GIVE UP
SMOKING IMMEDIATELY.
NOT ONE CIGAR- NOW
COME OVER TO MY OFFICE-
I'LL FIX UP SOME
MEDICINE FOR YOU-



WHAT DO I OWE YOU-DOC?
YOU SAVED MY LIFE-IF I
HAD TO SMOKE THOSE
CIGARS THAT MAGGIE
BOUGHT FOR ME- I'D BE
IN A HOSPITAL-



THAT'S
ALL RIGHT-
BUT TO BE
SERIOUS-
YOU MUST
GIVE UP
SMOKING-



A VETERAN JOURNALIST.

The death, in his eighty-ninth year, of Mr. Thomas Senior Townsend, occurred at his residence, Westgate-on-Sea on October 31. Mr. Townsend was formerly London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian," and from 1879 to 1924 was London editor of the Melbourne "Argus."

Mr. T. S. Townsend was probably the oldest journalist in England. When he retired from the London management of the Melbourne "Argus" in 1924 he had completed 45 years of working journalism. He joined the reporting staff of the "Manchester Guardian" in 1863, and after acting as a sub-editor and descriptive writer he was sent to London to organise the London office of the paper and its Parliamentary reporting staff. When he was appointed London correspondent he succeeded Tom Hughes, the author of "Tom Brown's School Days," and his chief contributor to the "London Correspondence" was Tom Taylor, the dramatist; Frederick Greenwood and Robert Lynd, a remarkable man-of-town and journalist who knew Israel well and is mentioned by name in one of Disraeli's novels, were among the other contributors. Mr. Townsend was London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" for ten years, during which time he was mainly responsible for organising the paper's staff of war correspondents with both forces in France-German War. In 1879 Mr. Townsend left the "Manchester Guardian" to become editor and manager in London of the Melbourne "Argus," from which position he retired in 1924. He founded the Australian Press Association, and was a valued contributor to the journals in London, Australia, Canada, and India.

Mr. Townsend would speak of his early days in journalism as in "the dark ages," for without the assistance of press agencies, with little recognition or courtesy and hardly any assistance from officials and men in authority, a journalist's work in those days was largely a series of trials and tribulations and difficulties. Townsend himself did much to bring modern light into these conditions. Newspapers outside of London had no kind of recognition in the reporters' gallery of the House of Commons when he endeavoured to start a Parliamentary staff for the "Manchester Guardian." Co-operating with the representatives of some other papers outside of London, he made the demand that they should be treated on the same footing as the London press. After some agitation the matter was referred to a Parliamentary Committee, and the result was finally granted, Townsend's evidence before the Committee being one of the main factors in this result.

In later years, when acting for Australian papers, he again intervened in breaking the London press monopoly. At that time no representative of colonial newspapers were admitted to the state banquets given to the overseas Prime Ministers who attended the 1897 Jubilee conference. Townsend's request on behalf of the Australian Press Association for an invitation to the banquet was refused, although he represented a large number of Australasian papers. The secretary of the committee dealing with the matter would grant no tickets except to the London press, but offered to give "messengers' passes" to Australian representatives so that reporters could obtain admission when the speaking began if room could be found for them. The tickets were at once returned and, despite the great interest to the colonies of the banquet, not a word was said about it to any Australian paper. Mr. Townsend did not trouble further with the Council and its officials, but took steps to bring the whole story before the Prince of Wales, who presided at the banquet. What passed between the Prince of Wales and the Council is not known, but within 48 hours a member of the Council waited on Mr. Townsend with a personal apology, and a written apology was sent by Lord Chancellor Herschell, as chairman of the Executive Committee. These were two important events in the history of British journalism.

Mr. Townsend was a man of tireless activity, shrewd judgment, and great skill and patience as a negotiator and man of affairs. He was a quick and decisive writer, with a gift for dry sarcasm, and was always well informed on his subject. His interests were mainly political and factual, but he was a man of wide reading and had special information on many matters. He was a man of active bodily habit, and until the last three years of his London career he used to boast that he passed everybody in Fleet Street. His last years were spent at Westgate-on-Sea. He was often pressed to write his recollections for publication, but steadily refused to do so. In a letter he wrote: "I am not a millionaire, but I have been the

subject of a scandal, I have never sat in Parliament, and I have never made a fool of myself, sufficiently, that is, to attract attention. I have just been a working journalist, and at that I have not been sufficiently brilliant to land any of my employers in an action for libel."

He often spoke to his friends, however, of old days on the "Guardian," and of his confidential relations with famous men of both parties in the State. A favourite subject of his was the war correspondence in the Franco-Prussian War, which he organised, or helped to organise. A considerable number of correspondents were engaged. One was in Paris, one at the French army headquarters, another, a Captain McLean, at the German headquarters, and there were others. The one he remembered best was originally an artist in Paris, who was commissioned to go to Metz, which was then being attacked by the Germans. This correspondent, whose name was Robinson, got in without difficulty, but when he tried to leave the city was surrounded by the Germans. He was there till the end, and got out several of his dispatches by the use of small balloons, bearing a packet of letters, which were set free when the wind was in a favourable direction. In this way at least 20 dispatches came safely to the "Guardian," most of them landing in Belgium. One balloon, which came down with its freight in the sea, was rescued and the letter delivered. Mr. Townsend had the envelope as one of his possessions, and said that recently when he touched it with his tongue he could still feel the salt in it. One of these balloons with letters fell into the hands of the Germans, and the German Staff sent word to General Bazaine (with whom they were in correspondence that became historical) that the letter from Robinson giving away information had come to their hands, and Robinson was stopped from sending any more messages. When it became certain that Metz would fall a letter was sent to Captain McLean at the German headquarters to give to Robinson in Metz. Oddly enough, after the Germans had entered the town at the capitulation Robinson was able to do some service to McLean, whose German was very bad, and McLean then discovered Robinson's identity and gave him the letter. Mr. Townsend's impression was that Robinson's story of the capitulation and of the last days in Metz was the first full story that reached English newspapers. Robinson afterwards published a book on his experiences.

FENG'S REVERSE.

HOW TROOPS WERE DOUBLED UP.

Tientsin, Dec. 10.
The battle for Hsuehchow which has ended in the retreat of the Kuominchun invaders is described as the severest that has taken place in that region. Feng Yu-hsiang lost 4,000 men in casualties, while about 30 higher officers including battalion commanders were killed, 3,000 rifles captured, 4,000 prisoners taken and four big guns and 30 field guns.

Feng's troops were moving in three columns, one on the Lungkai Railway, one toward Tsing, and one on Tsining, but on the 4th and 5th they massed all their strength for an attack on Hsuehchow.

It is stated that when the battle culminated on the 6th (Tuesday) some of the Kuominchun penetrated north of Hsuehchow, when Chang Tsung-chang threw in his reserves and Sun Chuan-fang moved up quickly from Tehchow and Hsiuchien (Surtien) and caught Feng's army on the flank, disorganising his right wing and compelling his retreat in disorder.

The Allies followed up their success till they got their opponents outside a 30 li radius of Hsuehchow.

Chang Tsung-chang is still at Hsuehchow directing operations. No changes are reported on the Chengtai Railway. Small engagements are reported around Shihchiachuang.—"N. C. D. Mail"

TANT PIS FOUR ALPHONSE.

The intention of the French Government to close the port of Hsuehchow because of the severity of birds recalls a "good story" concerning the paucity of other game in some French preserves. An English guest at a chateau near Paris was taken out rabbit-shooting by his host. After a while a bunny appeared, and the Englishman raised his gun. "Stop! Stop!" cried his host. "That is Pierre. We never shoot at Pierre." After a long interval a second rabbit was sighted. "Ah!" exclaimed the host, "now you can shoot. That is Alphonse! We always shoot at Alphonse!"—Manchester Guardian

BANDITS RAID.

YANGTZE PIRATES BOARD TUGS.

SEEKING FOR FOREIGNERS.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
Scarcely more than 24 hours after the tardy release of Captain W. G. Labor, master of the Butterfield and Swire upriver steamer "Siangtan," from the hands of bandit-pirates who took Labor captive on November 31 and held him to ransom, another, or perhaps the same, gang of bandits swooped down upon a British tug, belonging to the same company, which was anchored in the vicinity of Shashi, on Tuesday, in an attempt to take captive another foreigner. They failed to find any foreign officer and carried off two Chinese members of the crew, commanding one of the towboats attached to the tug for the purpose.

British naval authorities on the spot were informed of the incident and immediately took steps to effect the release of the captives and of the towboat.

Take Up Pursuit.

In their anger at thus being balked of a foreign captive the bandits shot the commander of the tug, wounding him in the thigh. They then turned their attentions to the tug and looted it of a quantity of clothing and other property. Apparently, from the reports received, they came in sampans but left in one of the towboats which they cut adrift from the tug.

As soon as they had left, a message was conveyed to the British naval commander some few miles away on a gunboat. The latter immediately sent an armed guard in a launch in search of the bandits. A visit was first paid to the tug and the remaining towboat but none of the bandits had remained on board and, being given the direction of their departure, the naval patrol set out in pursuit and after a hurried search came upon the band as it was landing on the reedy foreshore some distance downstream.

The bluejackets immediately went into action and met with considerable resistance from the armed bandits, the reports state. The difficulties of landing, however, prevented the rescue party from getting within range of the main body of the band which successfully got away with the two captives who were afterwards found to be the Chinese captain of the tug and the engineer.

Another Raid.

A portion of the band tarried and fought the bluejackets in an effort to allow the main party to get safely away. The British naval party succeeded, however, in taking prisoner one of the bandits who was found to be in possession of some clothing looted from the tug. He is to be sent to Hankow for trial. No details were sent of the casualties on either side, if any.

Prior to this incident another bandit attack was experienced on Monday about 30 miles below Shashi when a party of about 50 bandits seized two tugs belonging to the Chenwuan Company, a Chinese concern. No details as to this affair were given in any of the dispatches emanating from the Yangtze yesterday.

WOMAN BANDIT.

ARRESTED WITH PISTOL UNDER HER PILLOW.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
A Chinese woman, of remarkable daring and ferocity, and so tough that she sleeps with an automatic pistol under her pillow, has sprung into the limelight of the criminal world in Shanghai.

The Municipal police have been looking for her for some time on suspicion of being involved in armed robberies. They traced her to a house in the French Concession when, on their request, she was arrested by the French police on Wednesday night.

A squad of police in charge of Detective-Sergeant Crocel, of the French police, visited her home at 10.30 p.m., on Wednesday, and they took her by surprise, arresting her without any trouble.

The woman was sleeping soundly when the police entered the room, and when a search was made one of the latest models of automatic pistols, loaded with 9 rounds of ammunition, was found under her pillow. She has been handed over to the Municipal police.

CLERGY MUST OBEY.

BISHOPS AND THE NEW PRAYER BOOK.

PRIMATE'S LETTER.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who had been asked to receive a deputation from clergy and laity who were anxious for assurance as to the probable action of the bishops in regard to the new Prayer Book should it become law, has sent to Canon Storr, of Westminster Abbey, a letter in which he says he is willing to receive the deputation, and adds:

"I did not speak lightly when on July 5 I publicly used the words, 'You may take it from me as absolutely certain that the bishops will require obedience to the new rules and will do their utmost to secure it.'"

"I was sure at the time that I was speaking correctly, but I have now, in conjunction with the Archbishop of York, had an opportunity of meeting or communicating with all the diocesan bishops of both provinces, 43 in number, and I am able to tell you that I have obtained the concurrence of every one of them (except the Bishop of Norwich) in reiterating the announcement I have referred to."

"It is obvious that the methods by which this clear and definite intention will be fulfilled cannot be specified in detail beforehand, but those whom you represented and, indeed all others who are interested in the matter, may rest assured that what is laid down in the new Book will, if the measure receive the Royal Assent, be faithfully administered, and that the bishops will act together in the matter."

The Primate's statement does not mean that the use of the new Prayer Book is to be made compulsory. "The position of those who do not adopt the new book will not," it was stated, "be affected in any way. But those who do will have to adhere strictly to the rules it lays down."

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"OUR FRIENDS THE CHINESE."

New York, Dec. 14.
China having, at least temporarily, spurned the Russian influence in her internal affairs would now welcome help from America and Great Britain, declared Sir Frederic Whyte, the head of the British Delegation to the Honolulu Conference, who was entertained at a banquet here to-night by the Institute of Pacific Relations.

The banker, Mr. Thomas Lamont, who has returned from the East after endeavouring to arrange a loan to the South Manchuria Railway, presided. He said that those who were in direct contact with the Chinese believed that their sobriety, common-sense and intelligence would finally bring them out of the welter of civil war and banditry. He took no stock of the outcry against foreigners. The British, who for decades had poured money into China for the benefit of the community, had, he said, been tolerant and patient in the face of destruction of their properties for fear of wounding Chinese susceptibilities.

He concluded: "If only our friends the Chinese could compose their differences to the point of jointly inviting the amiable co-operation of foreign interests, the Americans, British and Japanese, sinking national interests, would go a long way in an earnest endeavour to serve the common cause."

SHOUT FOR HELP.

NATIVE CITY ABDUCTION FRUSTRATED.

At attempt to kidnap Chief Staff Officer of the Admiralty Wu Kwang-chun on the part of four armed Chinese near the entrance to the Ning Kang Lee alleyway, Shanghai, last Saturday morning, was frustrated when Wu raised an alarm.

Wu was living with his wife in one of the houses in the alleyway, which is just outside the West Gate.

The attempt to abduct Wu was made when he was entering his car at the entrance to the alleyway. The four bandits arrived in a motor car just as Wu was emerging from the alley. Wu's chauffeur showed resistance to the gang and was shot at but not wounded. Wu, meanwhile, cried out for help and himself was shot at, a bullet knocking out two of his front teeth, the report states.

Police on duty in the vicinity rushed to the scene but were too late to arrest any of the bandits who made good their escape. Wu was conveyed to hospital where his injury received attention.

FRENCH CONVICT.

SEES SON AFTER 16 YEARS IN PRISON.

AN INNOCENT MAN.

Marseilles, Dec. 1.
An innocent man, who was condemned to death, who had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, who spent nearly sixteen years in a convict prison, who escaped, who was finally pardoned and permitted to return to his native country to join his wife and to gaze on a son whom he had never seen, landed here today, after spending the best years of his life in anguish and mental torture.

This man is Camille Eugene-Marie Dieudonne, whose name was coupled with that of Bonnot, Garnier and Callemmin, members of the notorious Bonnot gang of auto bandits, who terrorised Paris and the neighbourhood seventeen years ago. Like them he was sentenced to die, but while Bonnot and Garnier died in desperate attempts to escape and Callemmin died on the guillotine, proclaiming Dieudonne's innocence to the last, Dieudonne himself was destined to-day to embrace his wife once more and to see that son whose birth, childhood and boyhood he had known only from the letters that reached him in the convict prison of French Guiana.

Seldom has such a crowd gathered on the docks here as that which assembled to-day to welcome back the pardoned man to the country of his birth. But even this large crowd moved back with instinctive respect to allow a woman, clad in black, and her seventeen-year-old son, to step to the water's edge so as to be the first to greet husband and father.

The liner "Plata" from Rio de Janeiro was at her moorings shortly after noon. The first to come down the gangway was Dieudonne, closely followed by M. Albert Londres, of the "Petit Parisien," the most prominent of a group of Paris newspapermen who had devoted their pens to the cause of the innocent man.

The black figure on the quay darted forward. It was a family meeting. The cheer that the crowd had prepared was never given.

Dieudonne was convicted on the evidence of one of the men who was attacked by the Bonnot gang. The evidence from the first was doubted by many, and M. Raymond Poincare, who was then President of the Republic, exercised the prerogative of clemency to save the condemned man from death.

But Dieudonne had to face a life sentence in a French convict prison overseas. After fifteen years he escaped at the risk of his life. He fled into Brazil.

ALLEGED REDS.

CHINESE PRINTERY IN SHANGHAI.

FOUR SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.
Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. yesterday, about 250 Chinese soldiers surrounded the Commercial Press works on Paoshan Road, Chapei, and searched the premises. They arrested four workers who are suspected of being communists, and sent them to the military headquarters in Lung-hwa. The search is said to have resulted in the discovery of some communist documents.

Acting on confidential instructions received from the Woosung-Shanghai Defence Commissioners' headquarters, the military police and soldiers of the 61st Regiment raided the printing department of the Commercial Press in Chapei yesterday morning, and searched the Commercial Press Employees' Union until four o'clock. While the raid was in progress, special martial law was enforced in the vicinity of Paoshan Road. The International Settlement authorities also adopted precautionary measures along the roads bordering on Chinese territory.

Four suspects were arrested, and some communistic despatches and anti-communist pamphlets were seized.

The suspects were taken to the headquarters of the military police, where they admitted that they were communists before the purification of the Kuomintang, but that they are now members of the Kuomintang, and were ignorant that communistic elements had intermingled with their fellow-workers.

As no important evidence was seized at the main factory, the military authorities also raided No. 5 branch printing department, where nothing of an incriminating nature was found.

After the incident, the Woosung-Shanghai Defence Commissioners' headquarters sent to all newspapers a circular, writes the "China Times," stating that these raids had been made because information had been received to the effect that communists were instigating the members of that union to create red terrorism in connection with the recent coup d'etat in Canton.

There he found work and was free, but he wanted to come back to his country and family. Newspapermen, lawyers, writers and public men supported his plea, and a few weeks ago, pardon, which he had been expecting for sixteen years, came with the grant of a French passport.

QUEEN'S



CHRISTMAS DAY.

DEAD FIVE DAYS.

MAN REVIVES IN HIS COFFIN.

The Hague, Dec. 3.
Rising from his coffin to demand food and drink, the unusual case of a man returning to life, after apparently being dead for five days is reported from the hamlet of Wassenaar. Such was the consternation caused by his returning to life that his wife and several relatives fainted.

It was last Monday that the man, who is the father of nine children, was pronounced dead by a local doctor. He had supposedly died from normal causes. For five days the body lay in the coffin and from time to time was viewed by friends and relatives.

On the day of the funeral the body was viewed for the last time. The large family was gathered tearfully about and the last words had been said by the priest. Then, just as the funeral procession was about to leave for the cemetery, a noise was heard from within the coffin. Opening the lid, the deceased sat up and after asking what all the excitement was, demanded some food.

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SHAKING HANDS WITH CHINA.

A living Chinese writer has observed that "It is one of the misfortunes of modern political science that it has confined itself to the narrow study of Western political ideas and institutions." And the same criticism applies to our social science. It is indeed not too much to say that the average Englishman's attitude towards the Chinese woman is coloured by the one fact taught about China to the children of the Victorian era, that little Chinese girls, when not destroyed at birth, have their feet tortured into elegance—a barbarism, by the way, that loses some of its picturesque quality if we compare an X-ray photograph of a swaddled Chinese foot with that of an English foot that has been forced into pointed shoes with Louis XV. heels.

Most intelligent people now realise, however, that behind the fog created by recent events in China there lies an unexplored wealth of culture, aspiration, and tradition that calls for discovery by the internationally minded traveller. A half of adventure, therefore, seems to be cast round the little delegation of three women who are just about to embark on an interesting visit to the women's organisations of that country. They are going out under the auspices of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, whose president is Miss Jane Addams, and their nationality represents respectively Great Britain, France, and America, though, of course, their mission is outside all barriers of race, creed, or party, and will serve no purpose of narrower limits than are set up by the broad principles of goodwill and world friendship.

Why They Are Going.

The enterprise originated in the mind of Miss Louise Bennett, chairman of the Irish section of the Women's International League, who recalled to the Committee the complete success of a similar mission of reconciliation that went from the British section to Ireland in 1920, at a moment of intense strife and commotion. The idea of the present delegation is to get into touch with the women's organisations in China with a view to ultimate co-operation in the work of international peace and friendship, and more immediately to discover in what way, if any, English women can help the women's movements over there. They go, in a spirit of inquiry, as Miss Edith Pye, the British delegate, has explained, to ask for rather than to make suggestions, to learn and not to interfere; and they have been carefully chosen from that point of view. Miss Pye herself, a Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, is experienced in midwifery and welfare work, and has done much relief work abroad; Mme. Camille Drevet is a qualified teacher who has given up her post for the purpose; and the American delegate, Mrs. Grover Clark, has the advantage of being a resident in Peking and already in touch with Chinese women. Their intention is to take a greeting to the women of Indo-China on the way out, and then to proceed to Shanghai, after which they will plan their tour according to circumstances.

Dr. Timothy Tingfang Lew, Dean of the Theological Faculty at Peking University, when approached for his opinion as to whether his countrymen would be likely to resent this women's mission, replied that the keenest advocates of women's progress in China are the men, who realise that nothing definite can be accomplished by China as a nation until women are more on an equality with men. This need not surprise anybody who is not obsessed with the girl-baby-and-crippled-foot view of China. A nation brought up on the teachings of Confucius cannot fundamentally be opposed to sex equality or to ideal democracy in any form. There is a charming Chinese parable that illustrates this truth.

The Lady and the Tiger.

Once Confucius found a woman wallowing bitterly by a grave. She said: "My father-in-law was killed here by a tiger. My husband was killed by another tiger, and now my son has died in the same way." Confucius asked, "Why do you not leave the place, then?" The answer was: "There is no oppressive government here." Then Confucius turned to his pupils and said: "Remember this, oppressive government is more terrible than tigers." It will be valuable to all those who want to study the East intelligently to learn through the Women's International League delegation real facts about the Chinese women's position. So far, we have been dependent on small pieces of news that have filtered through from time to time. In 1918 we learned through an address given in the House of Commons by Mr. Hain Jui Kie that women had won a partial franchise in Canton, and had also helped to elect the Provisional

Assembly that drew up the Constitution after the revolution. About that time, too, Mrs. Chang, one of the women's pioneers, was editing the "Peking Woman's Paper," and earlier still, in 1907, Dr. Yamel Kin, who took her degree in New York, had founded, with the help of the Chinese Government, the Women's Hospital at Tientsin. More recently, we know that in the San Min, or Threefold People's Doctrine, as enunciated by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the legal and social equality of the sexes was recognised as essential to Chinese progress; and in the Kuomintang Conference of 1926 this principle was reasserted and extended to industry and the Civil Service.

Messages for conveyance to Chinese women's societies from similar bodies in England can be sent to the delegation through the Women's International League offices in London or in Manchester; and material aid to enable them to extend their activities as much as possible after their arrival can be forwarded in the same way. If only as one infinitesimal contribution towards the replacement of prejudice by understanding through knowledge, this international women's adventure would seem to claim attention. For want of understanding is confined to no one nation, as we are reminded afresh, on reading in Mr. Tang Leang-li's interesting book on China, that the Chinese a hundred years ago were pleading inability to enforce their laws against European settlers because the latter were so much alike that identity of the criminal became impossible!

—EVELYN SHARP in the "Manchester Guardian."

CROWN SUITS.

AN AMENDING ORDINANCE IN THE STRAITS.

A Bill to amend Ordinance 22 (Crown Suits) is to be introduced in the Straits Legislative Council. In the "Objects and Reasons" it is stated:

It is settled law in the Colony that the Crown, like any other employer, is responsible not only for the manner in which its servants discharge the duties of their employment, but also for the acts done by them in the discharge or the supposed discharge of their duties.

If the act done by a public servant is one which, if lawful, would have fallen within the scope of the public servant's employment, as being reasonably necessary for the due discharge of his duties, or the preservation of the interests of the Crown, or otherwise incidental to the purposes of his employment, the Crown must accept responsibility, inasmuch as it has authorised the servant to do that particular class of act, and is therefore precluded from denying the servant's authority to do the act complained of.

This Bill tends to protect more adequately the public interest as represented by the Crown, by providing that judgment shall be given for the Crown unless the plaintiff alleges and proves that the public servant concerned acted negligently or without reasonable and probable cause.

HIGH IDEALISM.

BETTER ROAD FOR CHINA.

LOYAL CO-OPERATION PLEA.

The trail of China's civil war has dragged a restless length across so many uncertain months that the western world has changed somewhat its earlier attitude toward it. It is as convinced as ever of the large importance of the movement, but its primary attention has shifted, in a degree, from the chances of ultimate success of the various confusedly named leaders to matters which affect Occidental interests both now and in whatever future is to see the struggle determined. Not the least of such concerns has to do with what lies ahead for mission work in the great Chinese Republic. Nearly 1,000 individuals from Europe and the Americas were devoting their lives to this activity, and the aggregate value of the properties involved ran to something like \$8,000,000. With the spread of disorder, practically all these labourers were forced from their posts, and the material loss already has been considerable, with the end not yet. What final disposition of the whole unsettled situation can be made is a difficult question to answer, albeit some reasonably assured solution must be won.

Much has been spoken and written of this by men and women who should be authoritatively informed, but yet whose opinions vary as the poles. The pessimist is persuaded that China is through with orthodox Christianity for an indefinite number of years, and yet Dr. Lew, talking to this text in London the other day, declared: "Christianity is going to be the most potent factor in the building of China's new nationhood." If every shade of conviction shows between these extremes, the more optimistic note is the one oftenest sounded. For example: Dr. Harold Balne, of the Tientsin University, with a score of years' experience there, said recently that the "church is winning in China. A purer Christianity will emerge from the militarism on the one hand and the communism on the other." Again, in an interview granted this paper, Dr. Henry Hodgkin, president of the National Christian Council of China, summed up his opinion regarding the mission outlook with: "All talk of the collapse of Christianity in China or of the impossibility of carrying on further missionary labour is utterly baseless. The native Christian church is facing a delicate state of affairs with noteworthy courage and steadfastness."

Four interestingly different suggestions have been made in the course of this discussion, says the "Christian Science Monitor." One more than once emphasized, has been that, from this time forth, the effort of the orthodox Christian churches throughout the whole Orient will succeed, fundamentally, only as it is held apart from political activities. The Chinese, we are told, have been unfavourably impressed by what appears to them an alliance between much that has become known to them as Christianity and "Western imperialism." What, then, has shown itself as an anti-Christian movement is, at bottom, a clear call to the missions to disentangle themselves from all political complication. The argu-

ment runs that the sole practical way to overcome this conviction (which criss-crosses all the Far East) is to substitute disinterested service for proselytizing, to seek to supplement and not to supplant, to be concerned more with morals than dogma. After all, this is only another way of putting the conclusion reached in this regard at the Institute of Pacific Relations forum at Honolulu, which was: "A new and a better type of missionary is needed in the Orient if Christianity is to progress there." And in those same July debates the suggestion was made that a half of the present missionary funds be used to send natives of the East to America and Europe, in place of assigning workers to go to them, that Oriental people might thus compare religions and cultures.

The last of the more or less specific ideas put forward was voiced not long ago by T. Z. Koo, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in China. Speaking in New York he declared that the "new mission work, whether or not called by the name, must consist in trying to bring together Eastern and Western concepts of right living; it must cease to try to impose either upon the other."

In these dicta, surely, are unmistakable waymarks pointing to a better road than (quite obviously) has yet been followed. Nor is it difficult to recognise the groundwork of the plan now to be carried through. A fundamental object of all religion should be: the promotion of general human welfare, the spread of unselfish living, the extension of peace, and a deepening of the sense of love. Loyal co-operation in such service is the wholly worthy aim to be sought—or should it be called the "holy worthy" aim?

BAN ON LEAFLET.

MAYOR OF SHANGHAI SENDS PROTEST.

The Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce on Saturday last received a letter from the Mayor of the Shanghai (Chinese) municipality to the effect that according to a joint petition submitted by the chiefs of the Police, Agriculture, Labour and Commercial Departments of the Municipality, investigations have revealed that a leaflet containing inflammatory matter was being printed and distributed by the First Sub-Union of the Commercial Press Workers' Unification Committee and the B.A.T. Strike Support Association.

The letter stated that the distribution of leaflets should be stopped by police and soldiers on patrol duty unless the leaflets bear the chop of the B.A.T. Strike Support Association.

A NEW GOLOSH.

The newest form of gum-boot is really a rubber golosh, because, although it entirely covers the foot and leg, it is worn over the ordinary street shoe, with an opening for the high heel to slip through. It is quite a smartly fitted affair of grey rubber fastened with a "zip" fastener, and suggests a grey suede boot. It is sold complete with a little case into which it folds presumably in order that it may be carried about. Possibly umbrella handles will be made with a grip which will carry goloshes shortly. The type that has a dog-head handle with a mouth which works with a spring suggests itself as a model that might be enlarged on.—Ex.

SEVEREST TEST.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND THE KUOMINTANG.

APPEAL TO FORMER COLLEAGUES.

The following statement was issued by the "Kuo Min Agency," Shanghai, on December 9:

In a circular letter addressed to the members of the Central Executive Committee now holding the preliminary conference in Shanghai, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, in his capacity as a party member, urged all his colleagues to forget their past differences and ill-feelings against one another so as to pave the way for a successful solution of the party's problems in the coming session. Gen. Chiang pointed out that the Kuomintang is now facing the severest test in its 30 odd years of existence and no sacrifice, even to the extent of surrendering individual rights by certain members of the Committee, is too big, in order to solidify the ranks throughout the entire Party and to restore to it its former prestige. He informed his colleagues that if internal dissension continues and remains in the way of the convention of the fourth plenary session, diffidence would arise among the loyal members and the country at large would question the intention of the Kuomintang members. The Nationalist troops, likewise will begin to wonder whether they are fighting for the Three People's Principles of merely taking orders from different groups of officials whose interests are at variance with each other.

Fighting the Militarists.

"We have been and are still fighting the militarists," says part of Mr. Chiang's letter. "We have succeeded in suppressing communism. The Kuomintang's most deadly enemy is neither militarism nor communism. Our most deadly enemy is that of our military commanders who refuse to obey the highest authority of our Party as well as those of our civil officials who manipulate and take advantage of our internal strife for their own aggrandizement."

"The main cause of our present split," continues Gen. Chiang, "is to be traced to the question of the legality of the Nanking Central Special Committee and also the question of the responsibility for the sudden change of political events in Canton. But these questions, important and complicated as they may have appeared, can be easily solved at the fourth plenary session. We must realise that Canton is the birthplace of the Nationalist Revolution while Nanking is to be the seat of our Nationalist Government as instructed by our late leader. Untold numbers of precious lives have been sacrificed on behalf of both Canton and Nanking and we cannot and must not allow thousands of our fallen comrades to have died in vain."

Concluding his plea, Gen. Chiang impressed upon his colleagues that this is the time for co-operation and that the fate of the Party and the confidence of the hundreds and thousands of the Party members hangs upon their ability to rise above personal differences and work together for the welfare of the Party and the Chinese people.

Mr. R. M. N. Nagappa Pillay of Penang Street, Penang, who went to Belawan-Deli, on medical advice, has returned.

JAPANESE WOMEN.

"A SINGLE STANDARD MORALITY."

FIRST ROUND WON.

Japanese women have come out with a demand for a single standard of morality for the Empire.

Following up their fight against licensed prostitution and the geisha system and in favour of women suffrage, women of the Empire now demand a single standard of sex morality.

The women won the first phase of the fight when they established, through a ruling of the Supreme Court, the principle that husbands are morally bound to observe chastity equally with their wives—and the laws governing wifely chastity in Japan are severe. Adultery by a wife constitutes a criminal offence, if prosecuted, and a cause for a divorce by a husband. Wives, in short, are requested by law, to observe the strictest rules of conduct. A Japanese husband, on the other hand, always literally has been "lord of his household," at least in all its affairs outside the four walls of the house. His consent is necessary for the arrangement of marriages, property clauses, and all binding agreements. And there never has been any question of the husband's right to stay out as late as he may wish and maintain as many mistresses as his purse would support until recently.

Now Japanese women, however, have decided the double sex standard is wrong and a strong fight is being made to enforce the same rules for moral conduct for men that apply to women. The recent Supreme Court ruling is the first victory for militant feminism. Concerning the ruling the "Hochi Shimbun," a conservative Tokyo daily, says:

"The judgment recognises wives as having the right to bring an action against their husbands when they are wronged, and to sue for redress. This has established the doctrine that men and wives must observe equal chastity and that their duties are reciprocal."

It would be safe to say, however, that years must elapse before anything like a single sex standard can be established in Japan.

PORTLAND CLUB.

CHANGE OF PERSONNEL.

In an article by an ex-member of the Portland Club under the heading "The case against Majority Bidding answered," a further attack is made upon the club, including the following:—"They swept away their old government which had brought them into so embarrassing a position, and they started with new blood to carry out the reforms."

The reader of the words just quoted could only assume that, because the Portland Club Committee had not at its last revision of the Laws in 1923 adopted "Majority Calling," the members of the club had dismissed its old committee and appointed a new one with the object of making this particular alteration in its Laws. There is no truth whatever in this suggestion, says the "Sunday Times." The personnel of the Portland Club Committee has just recently changed owing to circumstances which may be given publicity, because the facts will be of interest to all card-players.

The freehold of the club premises in St. James's Square was acquired many years ago, and the members at that time put up the necessary money on 4 per cent. debentures. All of those members are now dead, and the debentures were in the main held by executors, including the Public Trustee, or by beneficiaries who were not members of the club. It was not surprising, therefore, that last year the right to call in the debentures was exercised. The present members have now paid off the old debentures, and have themselves subscribed for new ones, so that the continuity of the club is once more secured. The trustees of the old debentures had the right to sit on the Club Committee, and by the paying off of the old debentures, this right *ipso facto* vanished. The trustees for the new debentures take that the personnel of the Portland Club Committee has changed, but one further fact may be disclosed, viz., that it was the old committee that called the conference and has taken all the steps to consult the Bridge players of this country in regard to their wishes for the alteration of the Laws. All the clubs of the country are voting as to whether or not they desire "Majority Calling" to be included in our Laws. In the Card Room of the Portland Club this week a notice was put up asking members to record by their signatures their votes for and against, and up to the moment 28 members have registered their vote against "Majority Calling" and two in favour.

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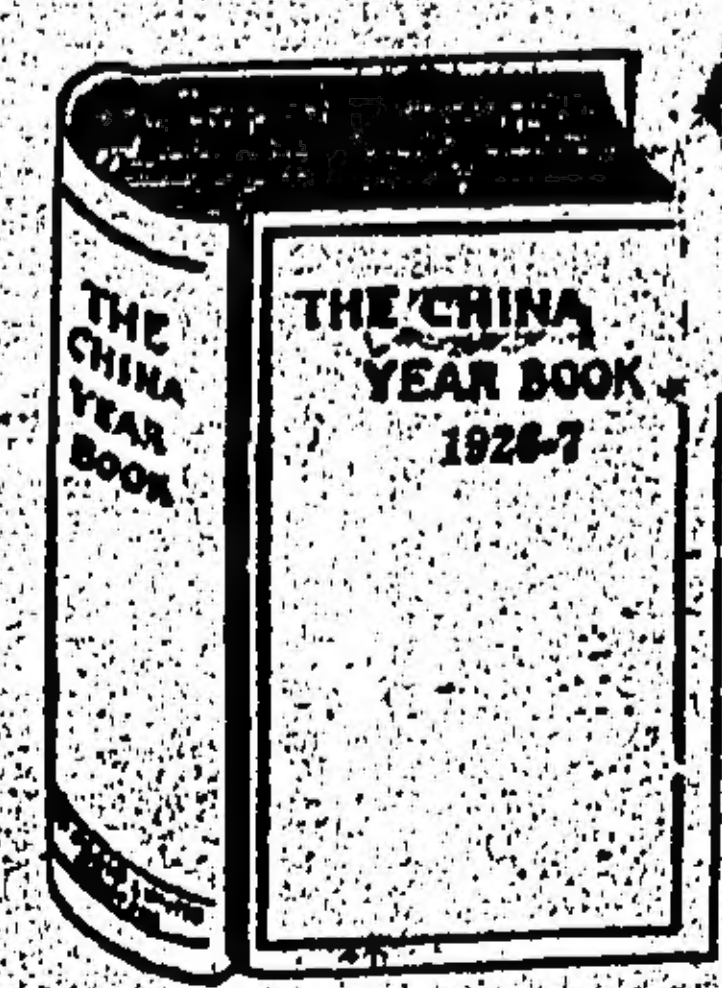
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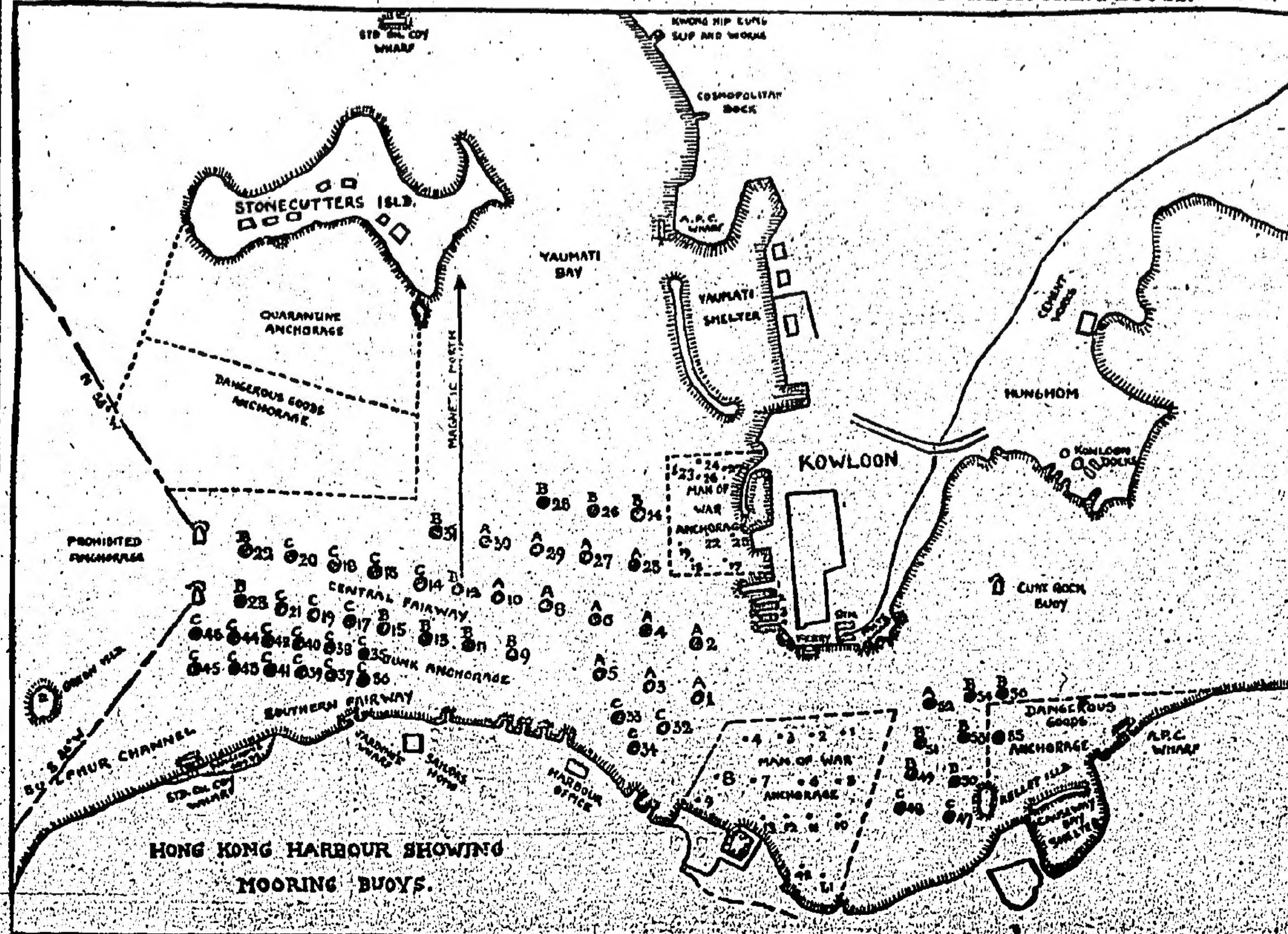
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A distinguished company gathered in the Whitworth Hall of Manchester University to take part in the representation of a portrait painted by Mr. T. C. Dugdale of Professor C. H. Herford, lately Professor of English Literature, to the University. The portrait was handed over to Lord Crawford and Balcarres, the Chancellor, by Mr. C. P. Scott, Professor O. Elton, and Professor S. Alexander on behalf of a large number of subscribers, whose names have been inscribed in a roll which the Chancellor presented to Professor Herford. The portrait was unveiled by Mr. Dugdale.

Mr. C. P. Scott in the course of a short address said:—

Nothing can be more untrue than to suppose that what concerns the University does not also necessarily concern the city. The University belongs to the city—is part of it, and a very vital part. The University of Manchester is the oldest of the great municipal universities which have sprung up all over England and Wales on its model since the middle of the last century (Scotland provided handsomely for itself a few centuries ago). It is the most famous and the most developed, and it was founded by a Manchester merchant. It contributes by its training to our prosperity, and by its achievements to our reputation. It prepares its students for the work of life, but, above and beyond that, it develops their intelligence and makes of them, in the full sense, educated men.

It is to such tasks as these that Professor Herford has devoted his twenty years of brilliant and unstinted service. I will not now attempt to appraise his work in the region of scholarship and criticism. But I should be ungrateful indeed if I did not record my personal obligation to him—an obligation which is shared by all readers of the paper to which he has so generously contributed—for the help which for many years he has given as a reviewer in the appreciation of our own literature and that of other countries. Surely no more delicate and discerning estimate of the literature of our time has appeared in the Press than that which bore the familiar and honoured initials of "C. H. H."

Nor has Professor Herford even been of those to whom absorption in an exacting task has meant the narrowing of sympathy or the limitation of outlook on the world of men and of affairs. It is not merely that he is at home in the languages of half a dozen

European countries (taking Russian and Norwegian easily in his stride), and has helped us by his books to enter into their literature; he has done more: he has helped us to enter into their life. For his sympathies are as wide as his knowledge, and it is part of his strength that he has never sought to divorce literature from life.

Professor Elton congratulated the University on coming into the possession of "this distinguished memorial," and said that some of them in the South felt that they had done better still, by having Professor Herford actually amongst them.

Professor Alexander said that he felt it a great privilege to take part in the proceedings, not merely because of his long intimacy with Professor Herford, but because he was one of the few left of "the old gang" of the academic staff who had been here all the time of Professor Herford's tenure of his office. So that he knew the regard and the affection with which he was regarded by the University staff. "We were proud of his distinction as a scholar and as a critic and a writer," Professor Alexander said, "and we knew also that he had a Continental reputation which few of the rest of us could claim to possess." Although many of them knew little of his graver writings, they had perpetual testimony in the columns of a paper not unknown to them of the illuminating way in which he could write upon literary subjects. "I think some of us grudged him even to the 'Manchester Guardian' at times," Professor Alexander said. He was half-ashamed to say these things, but they had known also that Professor Herford had belonged to a group of English

critics who had made themselves by their knowledge of international literature secure against the perpetual temptation of insularity.

Lord Crawford and Balcarres, the Chancellor, accepted the portrait on behalf of the University.

Professor Herford, in reply, said that when he looked at those splendid walls he was forced to remember the long period in which he had witnessed the growth of this college. His memory went back almost for sixty years. The college was in its early stages very homely, like a house-coat not made for the wearer. It was only to the eye of imaginative persons that the splendour of the academic robes could be seen against the swarthy background, much as Mr. Dugdale had suggested them in his picture. There came a time when the college began to draw about it robes of academic greatness, efficiency, and proficiency; and this moment was in some sense the culminating moment of the career in which he had witnessed the career of the college. He was most grateful to those who would allow him still to watch, by this pictorial means, the course of the University from these or other walls.

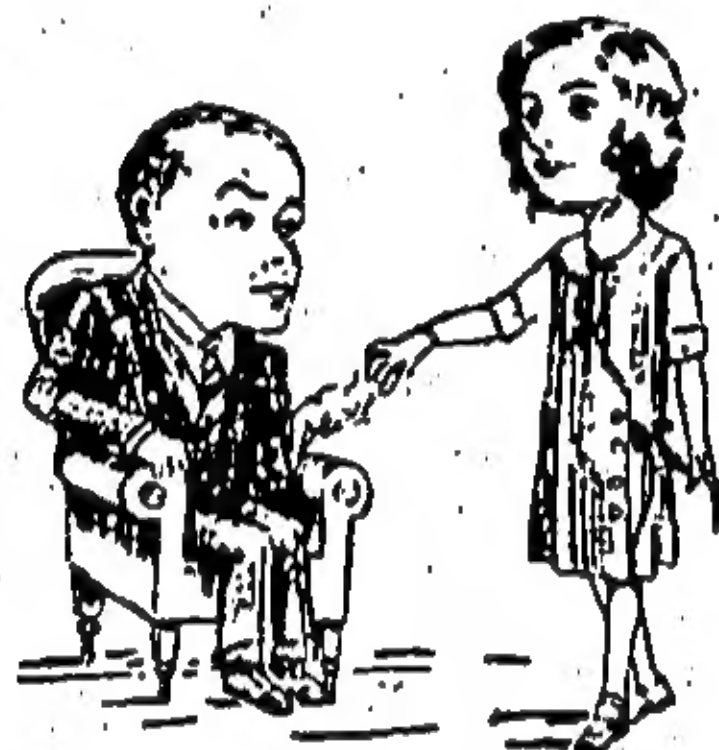
NURSE CAVELL.

MADAME BODART IN
ENGLAND.

Mme. Ada Bodart, whom the Germans sentenced to death at the same time as Nurse Cavell for helping Allied soldier refugees to escape from Belgium—but whose sentence was commuted to imprisonment and who was released after the Armistice—has arrived in London from Brussels. She will re-enact for "Dawn," the English film, the part she played in grim earnest in 1914-15. Miss Sybil Thorndike is taking the role of Nurse Cavell.

Madame Bodart, a dark haired woman of considerable charm who was wearing her decorations—she has received the Legion of Honour, the Belgian Cross of Gold, the Order of the British Empire, and the British War Medal—told a reporter that she was born at Richmond, Surrey, her mother being English and her father Scottish. She married a Belgian, on whose death she was left well-to-do, with two children and a large house, and became before the war a friend of Nurse Cavell who was working at a Brussels clinic. Mme. Bodart continued:

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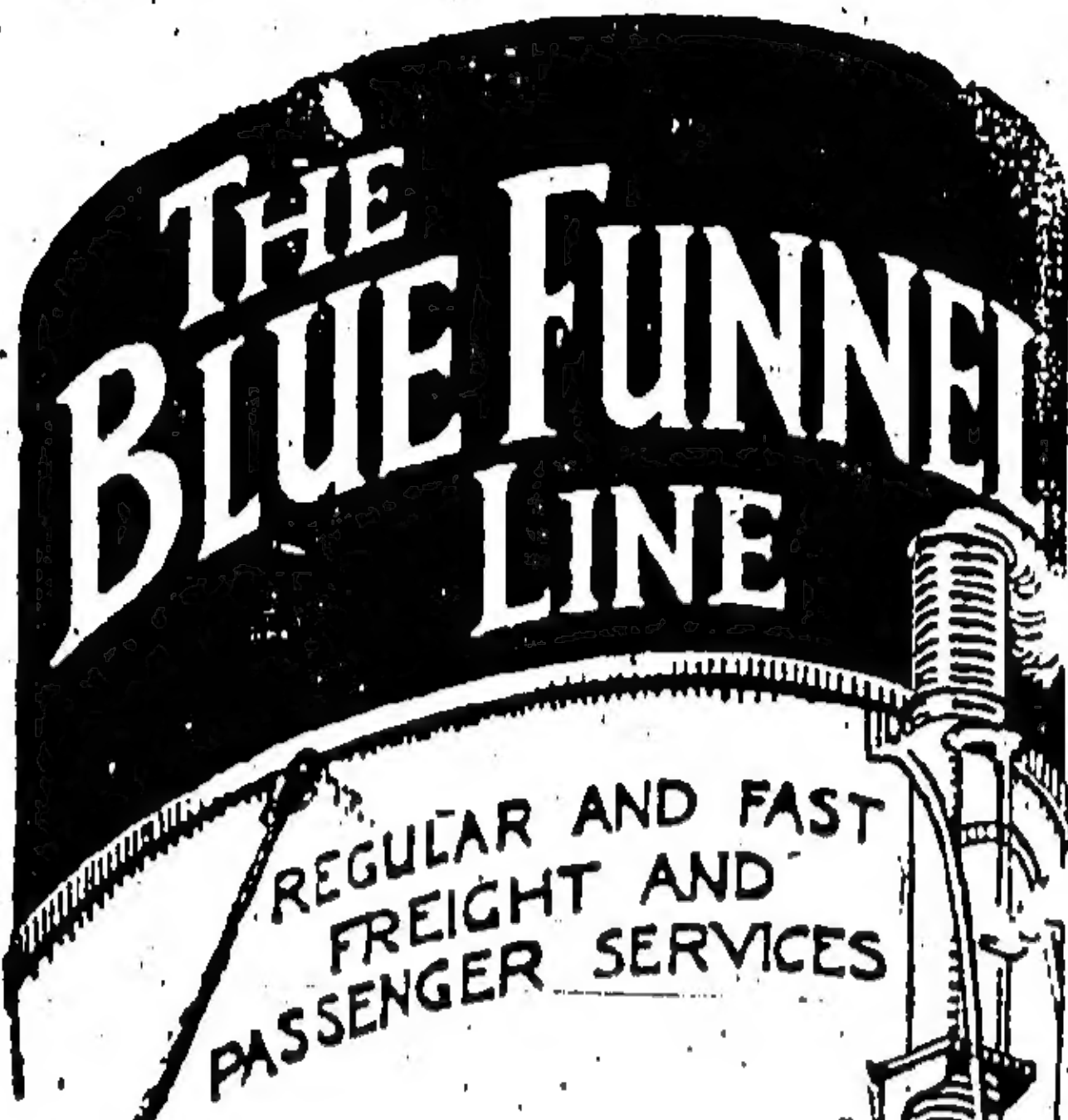
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DOOMED!

Fate of Crew of
Submarine.

COMPLETE SILENCE.

Rescue Work Brought To Complete
Standstill.

Province Town, Yesterday.
"Time is nearly up; we have used our last bottle of oxygen" was the message hammered on the side of the sunken submarine S.4 driving the helpless rescuers almost frantic for the turbulent seas not only make diving extremely risky, but prevent effective measures for getting air and food through the tubes to the doomed survivors.

Faint tapping only are now heard, indicating that the unfortunate men are nearly exhausted.—
Reuter's American Service.

Last Message?

New York, Yesterday.
The last message received from the men on board submarine S.4 was in the form of three distinct taps at 11.20 this morning acknowledging a cheering word from the wife and child of Lieutenant Graham Fitch.

Undecipherable hammerings were heard as late as four o'clock this afternoon, since when there has been silence.

Meanwhile, the heavy seas have brought the rescue work to a complete standstill.—Reuter's American Service.

Pontoon on Scene.

New York, Yesterday.
In obedience to a broadcast request the whole nation simultaneously bowed in prayer for the safety of the men alive on the S.4.

Three big pontoons have arrived on the spot and are awaiting the subsidence of the seas.

The New York State member, Mr. Anthony Griffin, in the House of Representatives drew attention to the lack in the United States and Britain of up-to-date submarine salvage appliances such as exist in Germany and which saved the lives of the crew of a submarine recently sunk in the Kiel Canal.

Signallers tapping the hull of the S.4 have secured the names of the men still living.—Reuter's American Service.

SOVIET LEAVING.

CONSULAR AUTHORITIES AT
SHANGHAI.

YANGTZE MOVEMENTS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
There are indications that the Nanking Nationalist Government intends to take strong measures against labour troubles and agitation.

The Soviet Consular staff began to leave Shanghai to-day, the first contingent going on a Dutch steamer to-day to Vladivostok via Japan.

A limited tramway service was run to-day under a strong escort. Some of the troops of General Pei Chung-hsi (who is referred to elsewhere on this page) have been left in the Shanghai area to deal with any situation which may arise. His chief-of-staff, General Chun Ting-fan, is remaining in Shanghai at present.—British Naval Wireless.

ORDER TO RESUME.

Nationalist Govt. Against
Strikes.

London, Yesterday.
According to advices from China a general strike which was timed to take place in Shanghai on Dec. 19 has not taken place and the general situation remains unchanged.

Failure of the Communists to bring about a stoppage may not be altogether unconnected with the issue of a proclamation on Dec. 15 by the Labour Department of the Nationalist Party ordering all operatives then on strike to resume work forthwith and prohibiting others from going on strike under pain of punishment.

British Protection Needed.

Strikes at Wuhu and Kiukiang (on the Yangtze River) have also been settled but conditions have apparently not sufficiently improved at Wuhu to allow the local Commissioner of Customs to dispense with the protection of British gunboats.

The Nanking (Nationalist) Government has issued orders breaking off relations with the Soviet and consular officials, and

IRAK TREATY.

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Peace & Friendship With Great
Britain.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The text has been issued of the Treaty between Great Britain and Irak in London on December 14. The Treaty recognises Irak as an independent sovereign State, and declares that there shall be peace and friendship between His Britannic Majesty and His Majesty the King of Irak.

It states that, "provided the present rate of progress in Irak is maintained and all goes well in the interval, His Britannic Majesty will support the candidature of Irak for admission to the League of Nations in 1932."

It stipulates that separate agreements, superseding those of March 25, 1924, shall regulate financial and military relations. The King of Irak undertakes to secure the execution of all international obligations, which His Britannic Majesty has undertaken to see carried out in respect of Irak.

He also undertakes not to modify the existing provisions of the Irak organic law so as adversely to affect the rights and interests of foreigners, or to constitute any difference in the rights before the law among the Irakians on the ground of differences of race, religion, or language.

There shall be a full and frank consultation between the high contracting parties in all matters of foreign policy which may affect their common interests.

The King of Irak undertakes, so soon as local conditions permit, to accede to all general international agreements already existing or which may be concluded hereafter with the approval of the League of Nations in respect of slave trade, traffic in drugs, arms, and munitions, traffic in women and children, transit, navigation, aviation, and communications; also to execute the provisions of the Covenant of the League of Nations Treaty of Lausanne, the British French Boundary Convention, and the San Remo oil agreement in so far as they apply to Irak.

There shall be no discrimination in matters concerning taxation, commerce, or navigation against nationals or companies of any State which is a member of the League of Nations or of any State to which the King of Irak has agreed by treaty that the same rights should be ensured as if it were a member of the League.

Any difference that may arise between the high contracting parties regarding the interpretation of the provisions of this treaty shall be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice provided for by Article XIV. of the Covenant of the League.

The Treaty shall be subject to review, with the object of making all the modifications required by circumstances, when Irak enters the League of Nations.—British Wireless Service.

GUN RUNNING.

MANY ARRESTS AT
KOBE.

Osaka, Yesterday.
Large scale gun-running has just been discovered at Kobe. According to Press reports it appears that about 50,000 revolvers and ammunition have been smuggled from Germany and Belgium during the past 19 months by 54 Japanese who have now been arrested.

The arms were re-smuggled out to China to an amount aggregating 5,000,000 yen.—Reuter.

ordering the closing of all Soviet trading establishments.—British Wireless Service.

Hankow Girls Executed.

Hankow, Dec. 19.
Fifteen Chinese, including five girls, were executed yesterday on a charge of Communism. Among them were Li Hui-chin and Tsen Dah-pai, ex-members of the Provincial Government. It is stated that numerous executions will take place during the week as a number of Communists, detained by the military, have already been tried and sentenced to death.—Reuter.

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Australian Flight.

San Francisco, Yesterday.
Navy Lieutenant George Pond and the Australian, Captain Charles Kingford Smith, who took off in a three-engined fokker in an attempt to break the endurance record of 52 hours 22 minutes, were forced to land at Drillfield aerodrome at the end of 49 hours 27 minutes owing to exhaustion of fuel.—Reuter's American Service.

Fatal Explosion.

San Diego (California), Yesterday.
Two persons were killed and five injured on board the aeroplane carrier Langley in consequence of an explosion, probably of petrol stores. The crew extinguished the subsequent fire with steam.—Reuter's American Service.

Super Napier Craft.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Early in the New Year a British seaplane will attempt to establish a new speed record by flying over a measured course of three kilometres. The present record is 296.4 miles an hour and to establish a new record involving exceeding this speed by five miles an hour on the average of two flights—one with and one against the wind.

The present land aeroplane speed record of 278 miles an hour, set up in 1924, was unofficially beaten by Flight-Lieutenant Webster during the Schneider Trophy race when he averaged 281.669 miles an hour over a triangular course and set up a new 100 kilometres' record of 283 miles, 1,555 yards an hour.—British Wireless Service.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

BISHOPS CONSIDER
SITUATION.

SERIOUS ISSUES.

London, Yesterday.
The impasse created by the rejection in the House of Commons of the Prayer Book measure was considered yesterday at a full conference of bishops.

Many suggestions have been advanced for overcoming the present difficulty and a feature common to most of them is a desire to rule out disestablishment and to maintain substantially the balance of the deposited book on which the Commons cast an adverse vote.

Newspapers state that minor amendments of the proposed new Prayer Book were yesterday considered that might have the effect of conciliating some of the opposition without destroying unity that had after great efforts been secured among men of different schools of thought. In view of the seriousness of the issues involved it is probable that only an interim statement will be issued this week by the bishops.—British Wireless Service.

TRADE PEACE.

EMPLOYERS' INVITATION
ACCEPTED.

CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH.

London, Yesterday.
The General Council of the Trade Union Congress, by a considerable majority, have decided to accept the invitation of a large group of employers, representing over £1,000,000,000 capital to a joint conference to discuss the industrial problems facing the country.

The Trade Union Sub-Committee formed to consider the most suitable subjects for discussion include Mr. Ben Turner, Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, Mr. Will Thorne, M.P., and Mr. J. H. Thomas, M.P. The conference will be held in January. The employers' invitation was issued from Sir Alfred Mond's house and signed by a number of the most prominent industrial magnates representing 159 public companies.—Reuter.

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